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New Bedford 1mo 29th 1796

Respected Friend
Joseph Hussey

I duly rumed thine of the 7th inclosing thy Acct Curt which I have found free from error, and have it recorded ready to forward when a private conveyance presents —

I had supposed thou was in Cash for the Sales as fast as they fell due, and of course I calculated upon the money at those periods, sum few sums I had omitted to thy Cr or I should not have anticipated so much, I hope thou art now in Cash for all except the last Candles as I am always averse to my frds being in advance for me — I have paid thy Order to S Proctor Junr —

I inclosed thee has Invt & Rect for 32 Boxs Candles sent by Leach who expects to be in Town on 3d day evening, by his return I wish thee send me the Articles at Foot, and hope thou can obtain them payable out of the last Collection on good terms, I want much to hear the Dam is Solo —

We are in want of a small Bell from 50 to 100 lb for a School house, there is one here of 100 lb at half a Dol ℔ lb. If thou can readily take hold of one second hand or new on better terms, either by the Team or in Russells Stage on 6th day I shall be obliged by having it sent. if not please let me know the price for a new one & if one can be had in Town.

1 Bag Indig Sugar 4 lb 1 Ravens 6 No 7 & 6 pr Ruffia Duck I am —
1 Qrt pipe 9 good Gowns Tied

To Jeffrey S Russell

1mo 29th 1796

My Letter of 13th having given the information yours of the same date requested, I have not had any occasion to write you upon the subject until since the last Post left Town — and for the information rel Jm Nantucket of the late high sale of Oil & Hd Matter, I did not look for any renewal, I was however applied to and offered a considerable part of the Sperm Oil & Hd Matter upon terms the Owners had rejected offers at Jm Nantucket, say for the Sperm $ 200 ℔ for the head Matter $ 300 ℔ Ton — unwilling it should go from the River, I accepted the Offer tho very high, and

altho' it is above your limits, I leave you at liberty to join me in the purchase, I could not obtain any Specified Credit but subject to their wants. & expect the whole will be wanted in 60 Days, & half of it an delivery — I shall be glad of your early decision, for my government, I suppose there will be 35 Tons Spurm & 12 Tons Head Matter — & am very respectfully &c

2mo 18. 1795

Respected Friend
Wm Burroughs

I duly rec.d thy two favours I am obliged by thy readiness to pay G & C and also by thy information respect.g the Packet, Delano had declined being concerned with us, but at the same time pretended to quit the object, however Synd Parker gives the preference to Nat Gates Packet, & thinks she will do best in the Rough Water between this and Nantucket, and we leave thee a Liberty to make the best bargain for her thou can if she is not yet sold, not to exceed $1350. with every material belonging to her, thou will (if thou buys) please to attend to see nothing is retaind — the payments will suit best, to be not more than a half down & half in 4 or 6 months

Supposing on thy paying G & C I should be considerably in thy Debt, I advanced David Buffum $80 & took an Order on thee, which he is to settle with thee

I am with Sentiments of respect thy Sincere Friend —

To Thomas Dickason & Co.

2mo 26. 1796

Since my last of 1mo 1st I have received your favour of 20th Oct.r advising your honouring my brothers draft upon you on my Account for £500 — which is conformable to my wishes & I am thereby oblig'd and wish I had found occasion to have availed myself of the funds in your hands to some advantage, but the constant decline of Exchange has determined me to let it rest until I can see some more pleasing prospect — I have had in view for some years the employing a Ship in the Rusia Trade, and am in hopes by another year to be prepared therefore, in the mean time I have concluded to make a trial this year by way of gaining information, altho I conclude it an unfavourable time to begin on account of the high price of Hemp & Sail Cloth in Rusia, but the small quantity imported into America last year has advanced

the price adequate to the cost, which will probably continue unless a peace takes place & in that case it will probably opperate on the Market in Europe before it can on this side, Hemp has been since the last importation mostly sold for £70 to £75 pr.no pr Ton & of late £90 is asked but as my funds are small for our own Manufactory we shall want 40 or 50 Tons of hemp. that if it comes out at the same price as other Cargoes do I shall not fear a loss, and Iron not being much advanced will be less danger of, and I wish not to run upon muchelse of the present experiment.

I have premised these hints, in order to possess you with my own ideas & now crave your indulgence to weigh the circumstances both what I have related & also the situation of the Market at Petersburg with the state of European Politics and if you see any circumstances that I have not foreseen that militates against my plan, I submit it to your decision and if you think it best for my interest to omit the Speculation I shall be obliged by your suppressing the inclosed letter to Thomas Peters Bonner & Co. Petersburg, but if otherwise I wish you to Charter an American Vessel on the best terms you can to go to Petersburg as early as the Cargo can be ready of about 150 Tons, which if a profitable Ship to Load, I suppose will take 70 Tons of Hemp & 130 Tons Iron, I need not remind you of the necessity of a Strong light Ship for Such a Cargo. you will please also to see the Ship is well found and well manned with a good Careful Master Should Ships be as plenty as usual in England I conclude one will be obtained on easy terms, and if my brother should be in London, I should be glad he might be consulted, as I rely upon his judgment more that the opinion of the Common Ship Brokers ~ Seth Russell & Sons offered me the mary for £100 pr.no. taking her in London after her discharge but I conceive her burthen too small for her Tonnage ~ There are many Vessels from this Port have taken freight from NewYork for the English Channell perhaps if they should discharge in England one of them might be taken up upon better terms to come here than any other Ship ~ but I leave this to your decision, The Ship you will observe to bring her freight to this Port ~ Upon the Oil by the Mary being sold unless my brother has drawn more than £1500 ~ which I do not expect I suppose I shall have in your hands about £4600 ~ & that with £1000 ~ I shall order from Hamburg I suppose sufficient to Lead such a Ship ~ whenever you see a prospect of a Suitable Ship, I request your Credit to Thompson Peters Bonner & Company for 4 or 5 Thousand pounds, as they may have reason and if their drafts thereupon should exceed my balance I will duly remit the same, with interest thereon ~ I wish every attention to this business that may hasten the arrival of the Ship at this Market, as a little delay may prove much to my disadvantage ~

As I requested you in my former letter upon purchasing the Copper Sheathing to pay the money therefore as also for the Iron Hoops, when that is done I have my brother J Hazards desire that the amount of the Copper may be put to his Account, he being principal in the Ship it is for ~

with due respect I remain

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To Gibbs & Channing 2mo 29. 1796

I duly rec.d your favour of 24th with the Account now Closed by William Burroughs which is all right & quite satisfactory —

I can furnish the Candles you want and altho we are selling abroad upwards of 3/ I will put them here at that price you paying the freight — and at 6 or 8 months Credit if more agreeable to you. If on the arrival of your Rupsia Goods I shall be in want, will take Hemp but that is uncertain, as I have some expectation of a Small Cargo from.d Peters burg in the Summer —

I am &c —

To Thompson Peters Bn.r & Co. 2mo 26. 1796

It has been my intention for some time to employ a Ship in the Rupsia Trade from this Port, but the high price of American Ships at the present time has prevented my purchasing this year, but being desirous of making an experiment, and having had your house recommended to me for punctuality and attention to busines, I have taken the liberty to request my friends Thomas Dickason & Co. of London to give you Credit on them for my behalf for 4 or 5000 £ Stg. and to Charter a small Ship to go as early as possible to Petersburg for a Cargo, to bring to this Port — in addition thereto I expect to send you bills or Credit on Hamburg for £1000 more — On your receiving those funds, I request your early attention to provide for the Cargo of the Ship that She may be dispatched without delay, as her arrival here in season will prove materially to my advantage — And as I am new in this branch of busines, I shall confide in your judgment to facilitate my views in the manner that shall most promote my interest — I shall note down the articles I shall wish to have purchased leaving you to vary them as you may find best, observing that the articles be of the best quality conformable to my descriptions, particularly that of the hemp which will be mostly for my own use — I shall be much obliged by your giving me such general & particular knowledge of the state of your trade as will enable me to make the best advantage of the busines, both with respect to the best time to have the purchases made for a future Cargo and also where will be the most advantagious deposit for the advantage of your drafts as I expect it will be in my power to put you in Cash at the most promising period —

Please also to inform me what article of American or West India productions will answer at your Market, also if any kind of Salt that Europe Affords will be worth a Ships going to take, as sometimes our Ships may be so early in Europe as to admit of taking a Load of Salt by the time they can Navigate the Baltick —

I hope you will duly notice the terms of the Ships Charter not to suffer her to lay so long as to subject me to any demurrage, and also if my funds are sufficient to see that She is Loaded as deep as is Common, and I also wish you to remember that Iron will pay much more profit in proportion to its cost than any

other article that the Ship may be both Loaded & filled provided she is not too large for remittances
I shall be obliged by your information of the different prices of your productions, the different kinds
Iron such as Square & Bolt Iron as also in small bars. the difference between your prices for yarn
Tarred & untarred. & Cordage and Hemp for my future government.
I request your earliest information upon the receipt of this with the state of your Market & foreign
Exchanges.

As my curiosity induces a fondness for things that are rare, I have had a great inclination to have a few Large Geese of your Country, and if the Capt. can accommodate a few pair of them, I shall be much obliged by your sending me them —

Please also to send me a barrel of best bump Beef and a barrel of best Linseed for Graining —

You will please to draw no more out of my friends Thos. Dickason & Co. hands than you find is necessary to load the Ship, as I do not wish to increase the value of the Cargo at the present high rates — with respect I am &c —

2 mo 29. 1796

Respected Friends
Jeffrey & Russell

Your favr. of 25th. inst. I rec'd. I cannot find any Vessel to take your Oil to Boston, the upper part of the River has been clogged with ice, & is yet there, the moving, that a Vessel cannot go to the Point where the Oil remains, we have not brought over a bbl. of ours, the next turn of wind I expect will clear of the Ice — If you wish me to send to Nantucket for Vessel I will do it —

I have had occasion to draw upon you last week for £500 in favr. of Henry & Thos. Hutchinson, and £300 the other £200 I am &c

inclosed is your J R's rec'd for Caleb Gardner note to my Uncle & Relet for £30 8 9 dated Oct. 29. 1787 with interest of the amo. rec'd. I shall be much obliged by your information that I may know what sum to draw for —

You care in send'g the inclosed Letters by 1st conveyance to England will greatly Oblige me — I remain yours &c —

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2mo 29. 1796

Respected Friend

Wm Ellery —

I duly recived thy 2 favours last week, & observe thy request — It will be in the power of myself & our famely to furnish a considerable quantity of very fine Oil. the quantity cannot be exactly apertained but by the time we know thy mind respecting the price its probable we can apurtain the quantum exactly — We are not likely to have all of the kind thou calls the best. & in which we also agree that it is as good as any, but our house are in the way of preparing another kind, that we doubt if the nicest judge can distinguish it. & which we believe no other person is in the practice of — that we value it almost as high and we have no Doubt it will fully answer the purpose for the Light houses in the most northern situation — I shall note at foot the prices and about the Quantity we can probably furnish — we have had of this kind sold in New York for one Dollar ₱ Gallon, by the quantity, & we consider it worth that price, but Calculating upon only what it nets us here are willing to put it as low as can be afforded — Thy answer as soon as may be is desired — I am &c —

Wm R Jun.r proposes to furnish in all the Spring months from 2 to 3000 Gallons very best winter straind Oil from head Matter - at 95 Cents ₱ Gallon

from 6 to 10,000 Gallons. very pure Straind Spermaceti Oil prepaired in a new method at 90 Cents

— I am &c —

3 mo 1. 1796

To Leonard Jarvis

Agreeable to the liberty thou gave me in the 11th mo last I drew an order upon thee for $ 1200 — in favour of the Cashier of the Bank at sight as I know would fix the payment beyond thy limitation, which order I was informed was refused payment — As my uncle had drawn upon me embracing that sum. & from thy encouragement I had made my arrangement it was quite a disappointment, My situation at this time makes me anxious for it to be settled & if thou can make it convenient it will particularly oblige me, the order still remains at the Bank — I am &c

3mo 1. 1796

To Benjamin Jarvis

I have to ask thy excuse for havaing so long neglected to forward thy account respecting the Brigs Cordage, which slip'd my memory. It is now inclosed balance due to me £44. 19. 6 For which I have sent my order upon thee in behalf of Peter Roe Dotten for $ 149 92/100 at 5 days sight, which I shall be obliged by thy paying — I am &c —

3mo 1. 1796

To Peter Roe Dotten

Inclosed is my order on Benjamin Jarvis for $ 149 92/100 which request thy care in Collecting & placing to the Credit of thy Obliged Friend William Rotch Junr —

3mo 3. 1796

To James Tisdale

This days Mail brought me thy letter of 27th ult. inclosing Hawes bill on Isaac Howland & Sons which bill is paid, & inclosed thou hast my Check upon the United States Bank for $864 - Amount of said Bill - Iram &c

3mo 4. 1796

To John Co Jones

Since forwarding the Mercurys Acct. the foregoing omitted bills have appeard. Amounting to $40.25 - which I hope will prove all that is not accounted for - I shall be obliged by thy paying my order at the Bank for the Amount -

3mo 4. 1796

To Peter Roe Dotton

I crave thy care in Collecting the inclosed small Order upon John Coffin Jones for $40.25 & placing it to Account of thy respectful friend - W & Jun.

To Cutler & Amory Acceptance for $1428 will fall due on the 10th of next month. I shall be glad to have $1400 discounted when ~~within~~ 30 Days - if the Directors will obliged me therewith - I do not expect to want it immediately but wish to have a small fund to draw upon as I have opportunities to negociate & $500 will probably be paid for my bond to ur Collector that will doubtless remain in the Bank - If it is not admissable to discount the ~~without~~ another endorser, I apprehend my friend Joseph Russell will do that favour for me - I shall be obliged by thy information upon the result of this business - I am &c - I also send an order on Joseph Russell for 154 Dollars 66 cents -

3mo 5. 1796

To Thompson Peters & Bonner & Co

I have some expectation that my friends Thomas Dickason & Co of London, or my brother Benjamin Rotch now in London, will send a Ship to Petersburg with funds for a Cargo of Russia Goods on my account & if my letters reach them in season, I expect the address will be to you, and in order to increase the fund for the Cargo I have purchased a bill of Exchange drawn by Capt. Isaiah Kupsey upon Parish & Co at Hamburg for £1000 Stg at 60 days sight this bill I now forward to Parish & Co for Acceptance & have solicited their immediate information to you if they will honour it, in that case you will please to draw the money, & if on recipt of this you have have not heard from them, please to write the in immediately: that you may know what to depend upon - In case this money is paid: and you receive from London those funds & a Ship to Load, you will then please to apply the funds in the best manner you can for my interest - filling the Ship with Hemp & Loading with Iron. & making up the residue as the advice may dictate that my other letters via London (if in due season) may convey But if my friends have (before knowing my mind) commissioned any other howe with the business, I shall be glad you will represent the matter to them & let them know it is my wish that the sum remitted to you should be Shipped in the same Ship, and that if your good are unusually high I had rather they would draw no more than enough from London with this £1000 - to you to fill the Ship with Iron & Hemp & 3 or 400 pieces Duck - and if my friends

I should think it not for my interest to pursue my arrangements, in that case I leave you to do the best you can for my interest, with the £1000 wishing to have it Shiped to me upon the best terms you can. if you cannot engage a Small Vessel to come directly here Providence or Newport will be the most handy & convenient for me. As this place is 10 Leagues to the eastward of Newport — if you cannot send it to either of those places Boston or Salem will be next preferred — indeed unless to some of these places I had rather it was not drawn from Hamburg, as I can have it Ship'd from there — I have had one offer to part Load a Providence Ship half Hemp & half Iron at 100/ ₩ Ton for each, but hope you will be able to do as well or better than that — that freight would be very low for Hemp but much too high for Iron, and if you cannot obtain the freight for Iron & Hemp, I wish it to come out in Deck of first & Second quality, Raves Duck & Rufsia Sheeting all of best qualities — the proportion I should prefer would be 100 pc. first. 200 pc. Second quality & 100 pc. Ravens & Sheeting — 1/6 ₩ I have heard is the common freight for Duck to Boston — but as I am a new adventurer, & have made this attempt as an experiment, having an intention to fix a Ship in the trade, I must trust to your judgement to study my interest in all stages of the business — I am &c

3mo 5. 1796

To Parish & Co.

Having purchased a bill of Exchange upon you drawn by Capt. Isaiah Hufsey by direction of his father Benjamin Hufsey of Dunkirk for £1000 ₩ I wish to avail myself thereof in Petersburg where I have ordered a Cargo of Rufsia Goods purchased, and as the season will be much advanced by the time this reaches you, I crave your immediate information to Thompson Peters Bonner & Co. of Petersburg if you will honour the bill, as they will have my directions to draw upon you therefore, and let them also know at what time you will pay their bills to correfpond with the bills I inclose to you. One of the bills, I now see drawn at 60 days sight, and it is my agreement with Capt. Hufsey that the Exchange shall be estimated at the usual par, not calculated at what will place a thousand pounds at this time in London if it varies from the par. —

I again Solicit your immediate attention to this bufsinefs, least my interest may suffer by the Ship being detained, as my orders to my friends in Peterburg will not reach them so soon than your letters may, duplicate of which I now trouble you with please to forward it by first Mail — Your information of the receipt of this with the Course of your Exchange will oblige Your Respectful Friend — I am &c

3 mo 5. 1796

To David Anthony

Inst Shine this day I have Ship'd by Mosher 50 Boxes Sperm Candles as ₩ Inv. above which I am at Liberty to sell to the person I am mentioned ₩ but think hereafter they must be higher — I am

I have subscribed for 5 Shares in the Providence Bank for which 250 $ are now due, I wish thee to pay M Brown that sum & place to my account —

To Alsop & Hicks

Capt. Sharman handed me your favr. of 16th Ult. advising of your having sold the Oil shipd by the Susa, at a price that I doubt not was the best that could be done — and appears to be a favourable sale by the information yours of the 16th gives me, for which I am much obliged — I have communicated Your information as desired with the necessary caution — I hope you have succeeded in the sale of the Sperm: Oil (Stains) sent you by W.S — when any of the money for the Oil falls due, if Thaddeus Mayhew should call upon you for $300 — his draft upon his father Jeremiah Mayhew of this Town will be acceptable — what remains of the first payment, or all of it, if he does not give you a draft. I shall be glad you would forward me in Boston Bank Notes by post unless a direct conveyance by private hand occurs to this place or Nantucket —

Please to forward the inclosed letter by the first Ship to Hamburgh, or if none up to Amsterdam or the most direct conveyance, & the other by the very first conveyance to England — with due respect I am &c —

3 mo 7. 1796

To Alex: Cane

I duly receivd thine of the 8th ult conceiving a letter to Capt: Glazier who is ready to embrace the first wind, has has repaired the Brig: Industry in which he has been as prudent I believe as possible & been at no more than necessary expence altho it has somewhat exceeded his expectation yet I doubt not his owners will be well satisfied, & find that it could not have been done on better terms at New York — having an opportunity of disposing of a draft upon Philadelphia (which with us does not often occur) I have taken Capt: Glazier draft upon Edward Carroll Philadelphia for five hundred Dollars, which Sum I have advanced him in Cash for paying mens wages mechanics bills, besides which I have paid for his Duck & Cordage — his Accounts will be ready to forward by next conveyance — I am &c —

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To Thomas Dickason & Co

8mo 5. 1796

The foregoing is Copy of my last respects which were forwarded Via Boston. since which I have forwarded the drafts for £1000 ~~£~~ on Hambury & made provision for its disposition provided you should not send the Ship - from this knowledge you may alter the size of the Ship to your own judgment of what may best serve my interest

Jam &c

To Jeffrey & Russell

3mo 7. 1796

Rec'd. yours of 4th & have made provision for another Vessel if Myricks does not come the Quantity is ab.t 5 or tons HE Matter 187 tons Act to yours ½

I have sent an Order to the Bank for $154 66/100 upon your J R for the money rec'd Jm Gardner which I shall be obliged by his payg. - Being a little in want of Cash, I have desired the Cashier to have an Acceptance Discounted for 30 days for $1400. Should it require any further aid I shall be obliged by your Assistance therein

Jam &c

To Tench Coxe Esq.r

3mo 7. 1796

I duly received thy obliging favour of Jan.r 29th and Inclosed thou will find the particular Gauges of the Oil Shipped by thy Orders - I am much Obliged by the information relative to the purchase of Oil for the Light Houses, William Ellery Esq.r is in treaty with one, and I hope if we close the contract I shall give him satisfaction in the Quality of it - Jam &c

To Jeffery & Russell

3mo 7. 1796

Since I wrote you this morning I have heard Myrick intended coming the first fair wind for the Oil - My present want of Cash induces me to trouble you with the inclosed bills drawn by Capt.n John Glazier upon Edwars Carroll Philadelphia Owner of Brg.t Industry who having put in here in distress I have supplies him with $300 & taken this draft - I shall be greatly obliged by your selling the bill for me and placing the Amount to my Credit in the Branch Bank, as early as may be, and your informations when done will oblige me - Or if you will send the money in bills by post or a safe hand it will be more Acceptable - Jam &c

To Joseph Habersham

3mo 7. 1796

Thy letter of 4th Nov.r has long lain unanswered, owing to the uncertainty of there being more than one Packet employed between this & Nantucket, for when it came to hand, one of the packets had met with such poor Success, they seemd near ready to abandon the business - but now seeing a prospect of both or rather of two being employed I am willing to con-

-tract for carrying the Mail three times a week or as often as two regular packets shall pass — thou will please to observe the former contract was for Carrying it once a week or as often as one packet should go but it was divided between both and the conveyance was very regular —

The first Contract thou mentions being only made upon experiment, was never considered as Compensation — My packet carried it then & ever since it has been divided between two —

When I consider the great expence attending the constant employment of a packet of 40 Tons with 3 men between this & Nantucket 60 Miles distant, and that it is impossible that the mail can be carried by water so Low as it may be carried by Land. & compare the compensation proposed, with that allowed for carrying the Mail to & from Boston equally distant I am more inclined to think $ 200 far below what it ought to be, than that it is too high. and I conclude when thou reflect upon it thou will unite in judgment — No packet would be adequate to the navigation between this & Nantucket less than 30 Tons, nor prudent to go with less than two men, if the Mail was the Sole Object — two such Packets must be employed to secure the Conveyance of twice a week —

Submitting the matter to thy Condour & judgment — I am &c

3 mo 7. 1796

To Dix & Haskins — By Capt. Bennett I received your letter with a Quarter Cask of wine, which not being full & no wants deducted Capt. Bennett assured me it was so when it came on board & I think he said he mentioned it to you — I had the wants taken & found it was five inches short of being full — You will please to make the proper allowance, & let me know & will forward the amount — The quality of the wine is much inferior to my expectation from D^r Haskins recommendation, and have since procured a Cask of Lisbon very preferable — I am &c

3 mo 7. 1796

To Thomas Dickason Jun^r

My brother Rodman left with me W Claphorns note with thy letter to him, which I have delivered & have repeatedly called upon him, last week he promised to be in town in a week or ten days & that he would then settle it. If he does (which I doubt) I will forward it to thee immediately — I am &c

3 mo 12. 1796

To Peter Roe Dotton

I am much obliged by thy information respecting the order on B Jarvis, who has given me no information on the subject of his declining payment of the Order I drew upon him — but as I wish he may have liberty to pay what he allows is due, I wish the application may be renewed, as also the Order upon Leonard Jarvis to whome I have again wrote respecting his defering the payment —

My friend J Rupell has informed me of the unexpected payment of the Drafts from Charleston for $ 1500 — which perhaps may render the discount upon Cutler & Emerys Acceptance unnecessary, but as he also informs me, thou has consented to that discount

provided I should draw. I am much obliged thereby, and if I should draw for more than stands to my Credit, I wish it considered as discounted — I now inclose the Thomas Merick Jrs. second bill of Exchange upon James Tisdale for $ 722. 28 Cents dated Havre Sept. 2. 1796 at 60 Days in favour of Elihu Smith — which please to present for acceptance if not accepted please to have it protested. & if not too much trouble shall be pleased to hear the fate hereof — I am &c

3 mo 12. 1796

To Jeffery & Russell

Your favour of yesterday is received and I feel much obliged by your information relative to the arrangement at the Bank — as also by your disposition to assist my accommodations there — upon which subject I have wrote the Cashier — I regret my carelessness in omitting to endorse the bills sent to you, which I have now done & hope you will excuse my putting you to this trouble. I shall be glad to avail myself of the proceeds as soon as you can accommodate it by post as mentioned before — when you have a safe conveyance and it is convenient to you I shall be glad you would send me up $1000 - towards the Oil - as I have compleated the payments for my half. the owners will continue to call for what they want here. & I hope the remainder may be negociated by drafts — Merick has I suppose been prevented coming by contrary winds — If you will suffer my ignorance to plead for your indulgence I wish to trouble you to inform me what is the Custom with you of settling protested bills — I endorsed a bill drawn upon London & sold it at ½ cent prem - it was protested. & was taken up for my honour when Exchange was 10 ½ Cent. I wish to know if 10 ½ Cent is the customary damages & if I am intitled to the ½ Cent additional Premium for re-exchange — your information will add to the obligations already conferred upon your respectful friend William Rotch Junr —

3 mo 12. 1796

To Benjamin Jarvis

The Cashier of the Bank informs me that he had declined payment of my draft, thy reason for which, I should have been glad to have heard from thyself — If I recollect right our Contract was for 8 ½ Ct for making the Cordage out of our yarns already spun. which I think was actually the case, yet on looking over our books I find what I had not before attended to. that there was sufficient time to make it from thy hemp of course I suppose

it ought to have been at 5/. — but as it has been due sometime. perhaps it may 13
have been fitter thee as much as the interest. if so I leave thee at liberty to add it. & as I
wish the Account closed shall be glad thou would pay upon thee order what thou finds due
& let me know the state thereof — I am &c

3 mo 14. 1796

To Joseph Anthony Junr

Your obliging favr. of 22nd Jany came
duly to hand. & I regret that it was not in my power to for-
ward you same Oil before this time. But Bunker having
spent much time in procuring him a new Vessel has put
us behind the Nantucket Vessels, who have doubtless carried
considerable Oil, that we fear sending much, and at this time
we are in treaty with with the Agent of the Commissioners
of the Revenue, & if we enter into Contract with him
it will probably embrace all we shall have — we however
intend sending a little by Bunker —

Since my last I have drawn upon you six favours
of Thaddeus Mayhew an 1 mo 28. for $334 — which hope has
met your approbation —

I shall be glad of your information what price
you can furnish or procure pig Iron & refuse Stove
Plates, of suitable quality for an air Furnace. Pigs from
Hanover Batalia & Antrim are generally used, but I suppose
every furnace makes of the different kinds for Bar Iron
& for Casting — I wish you would procure me abt
20 tons of the best you can find for a Furnace — to come
by Bunker or 10 tons if they are high — Bunker will
sail next week I am

Respected Friend

3 mo 15. 1796

Samuel Elliot

Agreable to thy request of 25th Jany
which is now before me, I have shipped by Capt. G Myrick
Sloop Sally Ten Casks of best strained Sperm. O.C. suitable for
Lamps, conformable to Bill annexed, amo. $51.50 —

Capt. Myrick sailed this day for your port. but contrary winds
obliged his return — I am in behalf of W. Rotch Jun. & B

To Catharine Grey

3mo 15. 1796

I have put on board the Sloop Sally Capt Geo Myrick one C.a best strained Sperm Oil agreeable to Bill annexed, who sails this day for Boston, I desire you to deliver it to thy Order, amo Pay $50.50 is to thy Debit — winds proving contrary Capt Myrick returned — Sam.l for

WR Jun.r & Co

To Jeffrey & Russell

3mo 28. 1796

I received yesterday your esteemed favr of 8th and am much oblig'd by your commercial information — Having seen advertised in the Centinel a Want of Exchange on Philadelphia I was in hopes a ready Sale would ensue for the Bills sent you, if a prospect is not infav.r of a Sale of them pretty soon & you can return them by the first mail this week, I will send them by Bunker to Phila.a but as he sails this week I had rather they were not sent but by the first mail — I note your intention of sending the 1000 $. wh.h will be acceptable. —

Myrick sailed on the 18th and I expect reached Nant.t on the 19th & I hope went out yesterday —

Inclosed is invoice of the Oil & Whale Matter amo $5311.21 to your debit — with due respect Sam.l &c

To Joseph Hussey

3mo 28. 1796

By Geo Myrick I have sent you 100 Boxes Candles (who left this on 18th) on my acc.t $ 100 more on WRS — I have an opening here for 5500 lb wh.h I have if I can be here in all next week, if I am not pretty certain of selling what I shipd thee in a short time, I wish thee to send me that Quantity by G Myrick or any other conveyance to this place, provided the probability is in favr of its being here in time — I am with due respect thy Friend

&c

3mo 14. 1796

To Joseph Anthony & Son

The original of which the foregoing is duplicate I forwarded last week by post — this will accompany Invoice of 8 Casks very best Strained Oil — which ~~will~~ I hope will find a good Sale — I hope you can procure the Pig Iron if only 10 tons come by Bunker it is probably his next trip will be in season for the remainder. please also send me by him a barrel of best beer, if not of the best please omit sending it. also 1 Ton Iron ~~Hoops~~ hearing you have a supply of Candles on hand I omit sending you any —

I have this Day drawn on you in favour of my brother Thomas Rotch for £256 5/100 which please to pay & place to my Account — I am &c

P.S please to send by Bunker to William Rotch of this place about 100 Dollars value of Linseed Oil he would wish to have it in Clean Casks, sometimes it is put into dirty whale Oil Casks that inquires it for fine work and place the ~~same~~ amount to my Account — I am &c —

3mo 26. 1796

To Joseph Hussey

I am pleased to find by thine of the 22d that thou has disposed of the bone tho' at a long Credit, but I doubt not thou has satisfied thyself with respect to the safety of the Purchaser — as early as thou can send me the Sales I shall by greatly obliged as the settlement of the Voyage is intirely delayed for the want thereof — When thou art is Cash for the Candles shall by glad to know it, but shall not draw upon thee until necessity obliges me — I am &c —

3mo 26. 1796

To Peter Roe Dolton

I am greatly obliged by thy Information of the acceptance of the bill upon J Tuddle conveyed in thine of 15th — I have a Letter from B Jarvis dated 17th assuring me he would the next Day pay what I find by his statement is the balance of our Acct £37. 6. 11 — which I hope will appear to my Cr: with this I beg leave to trouble the with my Bank Book, in order for the settlement — I except $4240 remitted to my Credit in Bank from Brown Benson & Ives Providence this week. I shall be greatly obliged when that is done by thy early information of it as the money belongs to another person who is in want of it. I have request Cap: Fish the bearer to call for my Book when it is made conformable to thine, And with it a few Checks will be acceptable — I am &c —

3 mo 26. 1796

To Huzard Robenson & Co

Some time since I received your favour with Account Sales of 25 Ca Oil. but no Charges being deducted. I conclude it was prematurely sent— one Completed together with Sales of the 80 boxes Candles will be very Acceptable. I which I wish no time may be lost in forwarding — I have received payment for the bill on Brown Benson & Ives for $2000. — Hearing of a Vessell bound from Providence to Charleston I have shipd as above 40 boxes Candles on my own Account & 40 boxes on Acct of Wm Rotch & Sons which please to dispose of them accounting with WR & for those on there Account and altho they are only noted at 50 Cents they sell higher in Boston Newyork &c. but I have no doubt they will fetch a better price at your Market— the generals scarcity of money induces me to solicit your attention to close the Sale as early as you can for our advantage. & also to remit the proceeds both to myself & WR & as soon as possibly you can — I hope the Hats & Glass are disposed of by this time

3 mo 26. 1796 Yarn &c

To Jeffery & Russell

Since my letter of 21st. I am without any of ayour favours, I am pleased to hear Mirick has arrived in safety— as you have not forwarded the $1000. I shall be much obliged by your paying my draft in favour of Capt. D Fish for $600 & also by your sending by him $600 more, & if you are in Cash for the bill on Philadelphia I shall be pleased by your sending it also by him — if it is not sold when Capt. Fish leaves town you will please to return it by him as I have an opperturnity of disposing of it here —

Yarn &c

3 mo 29. 1796

To Edmund Prior

Since my last of 1 mo 15. I have received by Jenny three from FR of 1 mo 2 with 15 barrel Beef & Pork which is selling — and also since by the Susa & by post one of 2 mo 3 & one of 2 mo 9 the latter Covering Invoice of Sleaves Amo £154. 3. 9 a bill Carpeting &c £6 1 with an Acct Sales of Candles by the former I was informed of the Sales of 531 Gallon of the Oil Sent by the Susa at a Dollar p Gallon, but altho the last does not mention the Sales of the remainder, I hope it

was effected, as it was of superior quality —

I am much obliged by the Attention of J. Rhinelander and of thy dear Mary en procuring the Carpeting which so nearly accords with our wishes that in the family we wish for 20 yards more & like the last 22 yds the being wanted to go with the former sent at the first opportunity — I am also obliged by J. R information relative to freight for a Ship but having abandoned the plan of purchasing before I received his letters, I have not availed myself of his recommendation — I shall still be glad to know upon what terms I can pro-cure 20 or 30 Tons pig Iron & also a quantity of Staves agreeable to my former proposition And whenever thou can forward my Acc.t Current I shall esteem it a singular favo the amo of the bill of my sisters furniture, I shall be very glad to receive —

And if thou art in Cash for the Last straw'd Oil I shall be glad thou would send by amount by Cornelius Wing in Specie, & if Cornelius comes only to Newport by wa he may leave it with Benj.a Hadwen — The present scarcity of money induces me to request this, having found disappointments more frequent from those who have been accustomed to fail me than heretofore, & our Country is overdone with paper — I have not till lately been able to effect any thing relative to W.m Wells busin but have found B Russell disposed to leave the matter to the judgment of my father & Brother T Hazard Jr. which he having proposed himself, I acceeded th leaving only Wells remarks on the Accounts to represent their case — on these excluding me as a party they accept, & I hope to enclose their Award —

I feel myself justified in thus doing by their letter yet I wish thee to obtain a su sion on Wells part — I believe the decission is upon just principles and per varies only from their own Acc.t by having required J. Russell & Son to make goo half the sum left for Speculation for which they were to be half benifitted. & by examining their Cash Account throughout the depriciating, they found they had Constantly large sums of paper on hand much beyond the Amount of Anderhu demand, until it was finally consolidated à 20 for 1 of course they conceive it wa for Russells to suffer that Loss — I have done the best I could & hope it will g satisfaction — Indosed thou hast Our Yearly Meetings Epistle to ours which please to acknowledge the receipt of —

J Rhinelander sent me a Candle Mould for a pattern. it is approved & I shall be glad to have 12 doz of them I am not immediately in hast for them, but when it is convenient shall like to have them between this & midsummer —

If he makes any of about 10 Inches long & 1½ Inches diameter I wish for one dozen of them — with much Love to thy Mary Mather & Sister in which my Eliza Unites I am thy Affectionate friend William Rotch Junr. —

To Alsop & Hicks

3mo 31. 1796

Your esteemed favour of 25th ult covering Sales of the 66 Ca whale Oil I duly received. and the sales are to your debit. & are fully satisfactory — I have also since received your several favours of 3mo 9th 1687 the former by Coleby Chew to whom I have endeavoured to render what attention & assistance was in my power by the latter I am informed of your care in forwarding my several letters for which I am greatly obliged. as also by your care in communicating the state of your Markets, & demand for Ships — a short account of which with the course of Exchange will ever be acceptable when you have occasion to write —

I have at present no whale Oil on hand — I shall be glad if the demand for that article continues since the Accounts from Havre indicate an overstock at that Market.

By Capt. Nibler I Shipped 100 boxes Candles consigned to you for Sale which please to receive — When C Chew left this town he requested me to furnish his Capt. with money to equip the Ship Swan (which he has purchased), with the expectation of remitting $300 from Boston, of that he was disappointed & Capt. Woodham has found he cannot do with less than $500 — which I have furnished him with, tho' at this time much to my disadvantage, being under some engagements which I cannot comply with in consequence thereof having taken two bills to accommodate the remittance from Boston if it should arrive. I now take the liberty to indose you. Capt. J Woodham draughts one for $800 & one for $200 at sight which I shall be much obliged by your receiving & forwarding the Amt. as soon as you can find a Convey ance, if not sooner by water. Boston Bank may be [illegible] by Post [illegible] I expect our friend Chew will be

at the Expence & risk of sending it, be it as it may, I wish no time may be lost in it
getting it to me ~ PS Please to Pay David Wilber 60 Dollars & place to
my Account ~

4 mo 1. 1796

To Coleby Chew — Since I received thine of the 24th ult. I wrote thee to Boston & send Capt. Woodhams bill for $300 - thou had left town when my letter & the bill arrived there, they were of course returned ~ and Capt. Woodham having need of more I have advanced him $100 - more for a second draft both of which bills payable at sight, I have sent to our mutual Friends A & Hicks for which I shall be pleased to receive payment as speedily as possible, it having at this time subjected me to as much inconvenience as $500 can ever do finding myself disappointed in many instances I am hardly able to support my own Credit, and at the time thou left Town I could not have consented to advance it until it could be sent from New York, without great inconvenience to myself ~ I am ever glad to oblige my friends, and if thou had not met with disappointment in Boston it would have incommoded me but little, Thou will I doubt not readily consent to be at the expence & risk of conveying the money to me ~ And as it is our general custom to charge 2½ ℔ Cent on money advanced, altho that in this instance would have been no inducement to me, yet I leave it to do as thou would thyself in the like situation & with that I shall be satisfied ~ I am &c ~

4 mo 1. 1796

To Elijah Shearman — I wrote the in the 1st mo. last by Barnabas Rupell Sent thy Account Current balance in thy hands Dollars 286 32/100 and requested thou would not fail purchasing the amount in Staves since which I have not heard from thee, I hope thou has not disappointed me, and wish thou would send the Staves whenever any of the Coasters will take them at the Customary freight which I suppose will be about 7 Dollars for Hogshead Staves ~ I shall like to have a few say 3 or 4 thousand of Barrels Staves with due proportion of heading, the remainder I wish for in hhds Staves with 2½ hundred heading to 7½ of Staves if to be had, & let all of them be as thick as tho can get them - if pipe Staves are more easily to be had that are good thick Staves & at a price that will be as profitable as hgshead thou may send a part of them ~ What Money thou has not laid out please to pay David Wilber to whom I shall give an order and directions how to dispose of it ~ I am &

I shall like to have the barrel Staves first ~

To Samuel Eliot

4 mo 1. 1796

In my absence my young man sent thee a Cask of our Best Strained Oil which I find he charged at 1 Dollar ₰ Gallon instead of 90 Cents, the price we have charged by the quantity, altho we are now in treaty for all we have of that Quality for 95 Cent — for the amount say $46.35 I shall send an order to the Bank next week, which if convenient I shall be obliged by thy paying — I hope the Oil will prove of a quality to meet thy approbation —

Jam&s

To Catharine Gray

New Bedford 4 mo 1. 1796

I wrote thee some weeks ago desireing to know if thou still wished for the ½ Ton of Oil thou ordered last winter, but having no reply before the very first conveyance presented a single Cask was sent thee by Capt. Merick, which I hope has proved of agreeable quality — as it was sent in my absence it was charged at 100 instead of 90 Cents the amount is $45.45 — If thou wishes for more please to inform me as I am about selling all I have of that quality at 95 Cents ₰ Gall. if thou wishes for the half Ton to be made up it will still be at 90 — Jam&s

To Benjamin Jarvis

4 mo 1. 1796

I duly received thine of ult with an order on Barnabas Russell for $183 37/100 which he has paid this Order leaves a balance due the of $8 85/100 for which sum thou has my Check inclosed — Jam&s

To Peter Roe Dutton

4 mo 1. 1796

I am greatly obliged by thy kind attention to give me the information in thine of the 30 Ult — B Jarvis has by Order sent me paid the balance of his Acct the order thou will please to destroy — As several acceptances in thy hands fall due from the 3 to the 23 of this month I hope no delay in their payment will occur, if it should I must beg thee to give me information thereof. Annexed thou has a small draft upon Samuel Eliot for $46 35/100 which please to place to my Credit — Jam&s

To Brown Benson & Ives

4 mo 1. 1796

I find to my Credit in the Bank $426.50 — Paid by your order for Amount of Note of Hand principal & Interest, which Note I left in the hands of our Mutual friend Moses Brown and which you will please to call upon him for —

J. Mitchel & Sons have sent me a letter by your request which goes in the Swan to Sail on the 6th instant for Dunkirk — Inst.

4mo 2. 1796

To Thomas Dickason Junr.

I have not been able to close the business with William Claghorn until this day, he has now paid me $119- for principal & Interest upon the note of hand left by my brother Rodman, which note I have now given upto him with receipt thereon — For this amount I inclose thee my Order on Jeffery & Russell, which thou will please acknowledge the receipt of I shall be pleased to hear if thy intelligence from London gives any Account of the price of Oil, not having had a line since the Marys Arrival — Jam &c

4 mo 2. 1796

To Jeffery & Russell

I wrote you by Capt. Fish on the 26th ult. who returned without any of your favors & without the $600 I requested you to forward by him, I hope as you did not return Glaziers Bill conformable to my request that you have found a sale for it, if so, I shall esteem it a favour if you will send the Amount in Bank paper by first past if no private conveyance offers —

I have this day drawn upon you in favour Samuel Fesender for $503 and Thomas Dickason Junr. for $119- which please to pay & place to my Account — and when you have a conveyance I shall be glad you would send me some Gold, as I am obliged to furnish the money as it is wanted & having paid my own half, I may be obliged to procrate some expence in sending for it when it is called for — Jam &c —

New Bedford 4mo 2, 1796

To Benjamin Hussey

Since I wrote thee on the 28th of 12mo last, I have been without any of thy letters, that letter covered one unsealed to Homberg & Homberg frers. requesting their explanation to thee relative to their having held the Judiths Oil which I hope has raised thee in safety as I think it went by the America who we hear has arrived —

As I conceive I have not been quite explicit enough relative to my information upon the Subject thou so much blames me for, I would just add, that when Capt. Howes left America in the Swan in 11mo. 1794, I had never heard nor suspected that the Judiths Oil & Bone had not been delivered to the Order of Brothers De Bauque, which was the reason, why I had not given them particular instructions relative thereto, and it was not until the first month following that, I knew to the contrary by receiving the Account Sales, willing then to put the most favourable construction on Hambergs Conduct, I apprehended

they dare not let it appear to be the property of a Citizen of the Republic. and never suspected any other cause until Isaiahs return last winter from France —

As thy Son Isaiah & Son in Law Mark Coffin have both expressed to me that notwithstanding my explanation to thee and the just reason I had to think thou would justify my conduct, that unless that property was replaced, thou would not be satisfied, and considering I had presumed to Act thereupon contrary to thy Order tho by the advice of son in law the only relative of thine I could consult, I have nevertheless delivered the whole Amount conformable to thy Order in letter of Bono 24. 1795 which I hope will reach thee in safety and come to a better Market than if it had ever gone with the Phebe — And altho the property turned out well in the shipment yet from the unexpected rise on this side it falls short of replacing (as by Accounts I shall send to Brothers De Bauque). the property. However I had rather sacrafice that money if thou thinks it right, than to keep up a dispute or contest at this distance, which easily be terminated unless what I have already written has reconciled my conduct —

conscious however I have acted thro' the whole as I would be done unto; this reflection can even reconcile the loss of property — No provisions has yet been made to refund my advances upon the Phebe & Susa, which thy Son tells me Brothers De Bauque are to provide for. they mount to but upon this they have never written unless they have meant to include the last Outfits in the Accounts of the Benjamin & Edward —

I have never to this day made use of a single Shilling of the proceeds of the disputed Cargo. it yet lays in London. altho I have now concluded to take it to myself. and at the time I agreed to deliver the property to Isaiah London Exchange was 5 ℔ Cent below par, and has lately been at 8 — with respect — I am &c

4 mo 12.

To Joseph Anthony & Son

Since my last by Bunker

I have been under the necessity of drawing upon you for Five hundred Dollars at 5 days Sight, in favour of Jeremiah Mayhew of this date, which shall be pleased you will pay & place to my Account —

I am very respectfully your

Sincere Friend —

To Brothers De Bauque

4mo 1. 1796

Since my letter of 11mo 12. 1795. I have received none of your Acceptable favours, to that letter & its duplicate I beg leave to refer you for the several transactions that had fallen to my care, and pleased shall I be if you approve of my several movements, in which conscious I am of having acted only with a view to serve your Interest — Doubtless you have been fully acquainted with the dissatisfaction I have given Capt. B Hussey by presuming upon Mark Coffins advice in Shiping to Havre the Judith & Bone. I hope you have been duly informed by my letters to B H of my motives in so doing, if so I know you will acquit me of having acted upon any sinister motives — Homberg & Homberg freres certainly acted out of Character if you applied to them as Capt. Isaiah Hussey informs me in consequence of my confidential note left at Dunkirk by David Swain & they declined delivering you that Ships Cargo. I mattles consigning it directly to you only from the danger of that circumstances proving in case of Capture the probability of the property belonging to you, a necessary Caution I conceived at that hazardous Moment — I request you will give yourselves time to look back upon the moment, the note refers to was left by Capt. Swain with Capt. Hussey. & consider wheather you approved my Conduct provided Hombergs were really to give up the property to your Order — If you did. I presume nothing has since occurred in my conduct to give countenance to any illeberal construction. it was more than 12 months after the Shipment of that Cargo before I received the Account of Sales, until which I had no suspicion but what the whole had been immediately deliver-ed to you — I hope Capt. Hussey has shewn you the letter I inclosed to him for Homb requesting their explanation to you for what I conceive was a breach of Confidence not a single observation upon it have they ever given me, & I had no Idea what had gi occasion to Capt. Hussey dissatisfaction until his son returned last from Europe — I have wrote thus explicitly to you from some hints I have had, of your having entertained some suspicions of my having acted dishonourably in the busines. I have too high an opinion g your good sence & integrity to believe that you would have intertained those suspicions ha you been possessed of the circumstances that have actually taken place. I therefore thought it incumbent upon me to crave your attention to my letters to B Hussey. upon this bu-siness. I shiped the property by the express desire & entire knowledge of Mark Coffin — who informs me he has continually wrote so to his father — but finding it was both his opinion & Isaiahs that their father would not be satisfied but by my delivering the same guaranty to his order given to his Son. I have for the sake of peace. complied therewith & I hope it will turn out well — but seeing myself thus exposed. I have felt myself neces-itated by the justice due to myself, to make several additional charges to you, for

Account of Hupseys Ships which if not justifiable by the strictest principles of Mercantile property. I am willing to submit them — at the time I supposed it could be warrantable for me to charge your damages upon the protested bill. but from my anxiety to save you every thing in my power while subjected to so dreadful a Calamity. I omited it. and the Commission on the Sale of the Oil it was my intention to relinquish that to Isaiah who was here at the time — but not because it was not properly mine. some of the other charges you will see naturally arise from the disallowing the Exportation, and the Storage & Cooperage I have charged that must have arisen if it Laid on hand until the Phebe Loaded — which I conceive you will allow equally my right — this arrangement leaves a balance due to me carried to your new Acc.t of £262.12. — upon the whole from the rise of Oil in replacing the quantity, & taking into view the advantages intirely incident upon this arrangement I shall suffer a real loss of £263.18. — but it will teach me that great caution is necessary in attempting to serve the interest of my friends without positive orders - especially if they do not turn out to expectation, however it is dear bought experience — Cap.t Isaiah Hupsey I presume will do me the justice to say I have ever held myself ready to serve him & my other Dunkirk friends: and have assisted him to what money he wanted for himself or for the Outfit of the two Ships — the two Ships Accounts Amount to Lmo £ 1969.7.11 / 257.11.6 Sula / 2228.19.5 Phebe which with the balance of the inclosed Account £ 262.12 makes £ 2489.11.5 which Amount Cap.t Hupsey says his father has wrote him you will provide for the payment of. which I shall be glad to receive whenever you can make it convenient — almost 12 months interest is now due upon the Ships Account — And until very lately I have been in Advance to Isaiah almost a year about £600 more — Now if all these things will not satisfy our Mutual friend D F he is welcome to the sacrafice I have made — and if his son in law who led me to this exposure is not willing to bear part of the loss. I presume I shall be able to reconcile it to myself — desiring to submit the whole of my Conduct to your Candid investigation I am with esteem your respectful friend — Sam.l Ely

4mo 9. 1790

To Brothers De Bauque. Last mail Brought me yours much esteemed fav.r dated Dec.r 26. 1789.th & the Hudsons detention allows me time to say that, I am very much oblig.d by your explanation of the appropriation of the Assignats. my brother not having fully explained it. I had apprehended a total Loss of them —

You may depend upon my every attention to your
busines which you may at any time commit to my care,
I shall immediately call on Capt. Coffin (Shubael) for
the settlement you desire — It is very surprising to me
that you have not rec'd from Capt. F. May every circumstance
relative to the Sale of the Hudson — As far as they have
come to my knowledge I will relate them, he was here
when Glover arrived, finding Glover considered the property
at his disposal, I had formed a plan to sell the Ship & employ
the proceeds in another Vessell in the Westindia Trade,
Capt. May deemed best to encourage the selling of her,
at that time I was in want of a Ship and agreed for
her with Glover by the advice of F. May, but afterwards
on May's informing me that I Hussey regretted the
Sale as he wished to have purchased her, & as I apprehended
his views might be to serve some of our Dunkirk friends
who perhaps were former proprietors, I told Capt. May I
would not stand in his way, & altho he made an offer
upon consideration of giving her up, I utterly declined re-
ceiving a Shilling, upon his making a present to the Capt
whom I had shipd to go in her — The money was to be
paid with interest whenever called for, & all this was done
before F. May paid & with ~~with~~ his advice — On Capt. May
returning to this Country I gave him up the security I had
of I Hussey & Mark Coffin, and did not either upon the
Sale of that Ship or the Sale of the Brothers charge a Shilling
Commission altho in both Instances Capt. May & Coffin thought
me intitled to it. & Coffin has also rec'd the securities for the Brothers
having also agreed that Interest should be pd with the principal
whenever it was called for — this I conceived best for your
interest rather than for the money to be paid me & lay without
interest not apprehending at that time that Capt Hussey
would require the restoration of the Judith, Oil but that he
would consent to the appropriation of the proceeds thereof
to the payment of the Susa & Phebe bills of outfit with my advance
to Josiah Hussey —

I am pleased to hear that Capt: Swain had actually gone from Havre to Dunkirk, had I known that would have been his rout, I should certainly consigned to you 10 Tons of whale & 5 Tons of Spermaceti Oil which I shiped in that Ship, & which I consigned to Baron Shaw but requested Swain if Shaw was not at Havre to dispose of it himself— If Swain should not sell it but it should be left in Dunkirk I shall be glad you will do the best you can with it, and send the proceeds in Specie if you have a good convey-ance or remit it to Thomas Dickason & Co. London or to Lubbert & Dumas Hamburg for my Acct as you may think most for my interest, as it most probably I shall want to employ it in Petersburg next winter, but if you can send it out in Specie by the Hudson it will be much my choice — I am, Capt Owen Hillmer some time since left in my hands 54½ Crowns for Clothes sent by him belonging to Madam Wood which you will please to pay to her and place to my Account — I am &c

4 mo 9, 1796

To Perez Morton

Finding thou art an under writer upon the Ship Fox lost last fall in the Vineyard Sound and having myself also abo wrote £300 upon her I take the liberty to ask thy opinion relative to that Loss— It has appeard to me that after the Ship was overset and it became necessary to make the most advantagious saving without regard to individual interest, the cutting away the Masts & Cutting up the Ships Deck in order to come at the Cargo, subjected the whole to a general avarage — And I am fully of the opinion had the Cargo been totally spoiled by beeing under watter, (& was as busy as the Oil was) thereby barring every attempt to save it, that the Ship would have been saved, for taking the Oil out the Vacancy being supplied with water made her much more heavy upon the Rocks— And when the people first righted her by cutting away her masts she appeared to hang lightly on the bottom, the Application of 2 small Vessels at her stern at Low watter, would undoubtedly have raised her with the flood tide — but the Oil being of most value it was thought best to suffer no delay by endeavouring the saving of the Ship & Consequently abondoning her out wherever the greatest probability was of reclaiming the Cargo —

I conclude the Owners would be perfectly willing to submit the determination to the Admiralty Court or to Judge Lowells private opinion, the Ships Husband having to act as Agent to the Ships Crew would wish some decision to take place that would warrent him in settling, if it should be to the disadvantage of the crew — The avarage Loss however it may terminate has been due to the insured some time — I shall be pleased to hear from thee on this subject and am thy Assured Friend — W R Jun.

To Jeffrey & Russell

4 mo 9.

Not having received any letter from you by the Mails this week, & finding Abm Rusell going down I have engaged him to call upon you for ~~One~~ $1000 Dollars which I wish you to send by him in Gold or Silver, and if the Bill is not paid I shall be obliged by your sending it up by him, I have the present week missed an opportunity of taking the money for it here - if paid please to send the amt in paper or Specie -

I shall be much obliged by your information by what conveyance you forwarded the letters to London that I travelled you with, & when they left America, as they were of much consequence, I wish to know when I can calculate upon their arrival in Europe — Jam &

To J Lawrence

4 mo 8. 1796

Thy brother Akins has informed me that Thomas Hatharway deceased, as I have never had the Contract he made with me complied with - I now send thee the Contract, with my a/c & the bill of Exchange he drew upon me, which with thy knowlege of the business & my power will be sufficient proof, I wish thee to take a little care to secure the Debt - after I made the first contract & concluded the bargain with thee it left only 200 Dollars due to me, for which thou may remember he promised to execute to me a deed of any tract of land (in his former purchase) of 600 Acres that thou should pick out — I must leave thee to compleat the business in such way as thou can if thou cannot obtain the land the Interest is all I suppose can be saved — the balance due me with simple interest up to 2 mo 26 is $248 - for thy trouble, I desire thee to pay thyself & when thou has opperturnity send me the Balance —

Jam &

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To Shubael Coffin

June 9. 1796

Our last Mail brought me letters from our mutual friends Brothers De Bauque which covered the two inclosed for thee — and they express a desire that I would receive their third of the proceeds of Ship Brothers & Cargo. and also £48.18. $\frac{1}{3}$ lent thee. with Interest from 6 Nov^{r} 1793 —

I suppose they are much more anxious that I should receive the money. as they are accountable to me for upwards of £200 which has been on Interest a considerable time — As I am owing Mark Coffin $2000 - if he has not settled for the Brothers & thou holds the money at the disposal of Brothers De Bauque an order from Mark will be acceptable for any part of that sum — I am &c

June 12. 1796

To Jeffry & Russell

I wrote you by last Mail & hope Abm Russell would by the bearer, since which I have drawn upon you on the 11th for $325. in favr Mercd Coleman, wh. you will please to honour, & whatever many you can make convenient to send by Abm I shall be glad to receive, as our Creditors think the time expired that I gave them reason to Expect payment in — I shall be glad to receive the Bills on Philadelphia if not sold or if Sold the Proceeds. by Abm or the first post — Send if you can recollect the Ship my Letters for London went in & when she sailed it will greatly oblige me to be informed — I am &c

June 23.

To Daniel Barney

This evening Mr Caine brought me word of yesterday & Mr Mayburry in Town I sent to know if it was convenient for him to accommodate me with a Check for $1000 - he sent me word that it was not — I have not seen him to gain any further explanation, but perceiving by thy writing thou will be disappointed in not receiving it & as I hope some bill of mine are paid that fell due this week - I shall want to pay thy uncle J Barney for Griffins a/c $500 - I thought certain of pay that sum on thy arrival at Phila. & then thou art at liberty to remit pay^{t} for my order inclosed on J & Russell for $500 but as I am unwilling to disappoint any person I wish thee to return me the order only & thou can make a certainty of the payment to this satisfaction as I have promised it to cousin Jon^{a} in a short time — I am

To Jeffrey & Rufell 4 mo 16. 1796

your esteemd favr. of yesterday by Abr. Rufell was handed me this evening together with one thousand Dollars in Gold $500 for the draft you have obligingly sold for me & $500 for your Cr. the calls I am subject to from my neighbours obliges me to avail myself of opportunities as I can find them of taking the money here & drawing upon you, in consequence thereof I have this day received $600 & given a draft to Daniel Pennington for that sum, which Bill may be same time in reaching thee you, as it is to serve a negociation in Sandwich — and have also expectation of one more draft to John Grinnish for $100 — what Bills you will please to pay when thro — my several drafts with the money now sent & the draft mentioned above on acct. of the Act by my Books appear to be $4206.66 — I am &c

To Forbes Munro & Co.

4 mo 20. 96

I duly recd. your obliging favr. of 1st Inst. I am in hopes you will obtain Payment from the Estate of John Baldwin. Capt. Swain was possessed of the knowledge of the transaction & also of the attention my father paid to the Interest of J B in the time of the American Revolution, for which he often expressed much gratitude, from that circumstance we had reason to hope of punctuality & justice as well as from other ties of honour —

Should you be in Cash which Capt. Delano is with you I shall be much obliged by your sending me a few doz of Limes & such other fruits as your market affords & the balance of the proceeds please to pay to him —

Should it be in your way to render any service to Capt. Delano, I shall feel myself obliged thereby, he being one of my neighbours & esteemed a Man of Confidence — I am &c

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To Olney Winsor

4mo 26. 1796.

Indosed is an Order from my brother Thomas Rotch upon Butler Wheaten & Jackson in my favour for $502.50 - payable on the first of 6mo. 30 Days after my instalment of $500 for 5 Shares in the Bank will become due which Order with their acceptance I shall be glad to have discounted to answer that payment — the Assistance of my friend Moses Brown I think no doubt will be extended if necessary to affordme this accommodation.

Iam &c

To Peter Roe Dalton

4mo 28. 1796

I shall be obliged by thy Collecting for the inclosed order on Jeffrey & Rufell $604.56 Hoe and in due time place it to my credit — I hope all the acceptances due this month have been punctually paid as I have not heard of any delay — I am &c

To Jeffrey & Rufell

4mo 28. 1796

Since my last of I have drawn upon you on the 23d in favour of Daniel Barney for $500 — and desirous of closing your account and completing the payment for the Old Head matter already done except the small ballance due from you I have inclosed your Accompt Current ballance in my favour $604.56/100 for which I have drawn in favour of the Bank at 10 Days sight, which if you find free from error you will please to Accept

Iam &c

To Peter Roe Dalton

4mo 29 1796

P.S. 29th since the foregoing I have this day rec'd my Bank Book wherein I find Charged 12th instant Cash paid Goodsby $538.75 which must be a mistake having signed no such Check, I gave a Check to George Freeborn for $500 dated on the 9th who was doubtless in Town on evening of the 11th that Check is not Charged I shall be obliged by thy attention to this matter & if any fraud appears, I must crave thy early information — Freeborn Check was No. 299. — Iam &c

To David Anthony

4mo 28. 1796

I have duly received thy letter of 14th instant and am pleased to find thou has sold all my Candles by Mather I intend sending the 50 or 60 boxes more — It is probably I shall soon draw upon thee for the money thou has on hand say 2616 — I have accommodated my payment at Bank without thy paying it on Acct of W.R.S. altho I had their Liberty to draw upon thee — Iam &c

4 mo 28. 1796

To Butler Wheaten & Jackson

I duly rec.d your esteemed favour of 19.th ult with 4 p.c Ravens Duck which are placed to your C.r & Mosher having money in his hands of mine engaged to pay the Sorrall balance due to you, which I shall be obliged by your remounding him — I am &c

4 mo 29. 1796

To Benjamin Williams

I duly rec.d thine of 26.th and note the Contents, and relying upon thy knowledg & experience, I trust to thy having the Bricks made in the very best manner — and hope to have them very Speedily as nothing but the want of those Bricks prevents our being in blast — when I receive thy letter by Phillips I shall know better how to reply to thy Order — but I have of the former Cargo all the bricks I want — I am &c —

4 mo 26. 1796

To Benj.a Alley

When I wrote thee Last I saw no way to comply with my Contracts, without thy Assistance for the present Month, but have rubbled through, I know not but with reputation. Yet have met with so many disappointments, I hardly dare make any Contracts in future, upon dependance upon any other person the unexpected general scarcety of money deceived me, or I should have been more guarded — I have other payments to make in the 6.th & 9.th months and a considerable sum on 25.th of 8 month Next, I shall endeavour to conform my self to either of those periods that thou canot make it most convenient to answer for me, unless some unexpected disappointments takes place of which I shall give thee early notice with love to thy wife & family — I am &c

4 mo 27. 1796

To J. Haberham

Thy letter of 28.th ult is before me, and I have duly considered the Contents, and have made the offer of thy terms say 160 D.ls P annum for Carrying the Mail between this & Nantucket, to the 2 Packet Men who are not willing to accept under the terms at first proposed of $200 — the will always carry the Mail 6 times a week whenever the wind will permit, which has scarcely failed since it has been brought from Boston three times in a week — I have never made any thing myself by the Contract, having allways given the whole to the two Packets equally, and considering the heavy expence on Vessels, I am far from thinking the demand too high — and under that I had rather not have the trouble of the Contract, perhaps if thee was to submit it to William Toby our Postmaster he might induce the Packets to make abatement — I am no way induced to undertake the business but to serve the poor boatmen, and to give them more than all I receive, is not to be expected and

I can have no doubt but thou art willing to give what thou should think a generous price — My Bonds at the Custom house too often become due to admit of any apprehension, that I am under obligation to serve the Government, without ample compensation, nor do I conceive it there wish, and if the present was a private matter between us I should rather loose half the difference proposed between us than continue troubleing thee in this manner, but as circumstances are I hope thou will excuse me, & believe me thy respectful & assured friend W R Jun^r —

4 mo 28. 1796

To Thomas Arnold

I duly rec^d thy letter, but as I understand by Bunker who arrived this day that thy Sloop was bound to Newport with Barley I conclude there was some mistake as to her intention of coming here, Should She still come, I will endeavour to follow thy directions but there is very little probability of selling any Flour, the Market being supplied both from Alexandria & Philadelphia — I am &c

5 mo 5. 1796

To William Ellery Esq^r

I duly received thine by last Mail & have had the Oil full Bound inorder for Shipping but cannot at present find a Vessell bound to Wilmington several are bound to New Bern in North Carolina and one of them offers to carry it for one Dollar ℔ barrel to Beaufort which is not far from Wilmington & from whence Vessells are often going to that part, this appears to me the most eligable way of conveyance, & with thy liberty, I will Ship it next week — in this case I wish thy direction to whom to address it — I am, &c —

5 mo 7. 1796

J Kempton

Accompanying this thou will receive money & Drafts to the amount of $150 on Account of my brother Thomas & 60 on my own account — with it and William Henshaws Note for $47.72 which he is to account with thee for, & whatever thou can get for my Acc^t from William Wood. I wish thee to use thy Judgment in laying out in Coals Pig Iron & Corn & Flour — If thou can make out a freight, I wish to have from 10 to 20 Chaldron of best Coal, and not more Unless it should

be necessary to make freight, I do not expect they will fetch more than 12 Dollars ℔ Chaldron Twenty Tons of Pig Iron will be as much as I wish to have at this time, unless it is a few tons from some other Furnace on tryal do be particular to find such as bear the reputation of being best for an Air Furnace, the Pigs that do best for bar Iron do not answer for Castings — I hope thou will be able to get them one half on 4 or 6 months Credit and when thou goes again shall want some more a soft Grey pig is prefferred for Castings —

Please to find what kind of Iron Castings are most Saleable in Alexandria and if Kitchen Furnature will be best with bales or without — I am &c

To James Read Esq^r

5 mo 6. 1796

By the direction of Tench Coxe Esq^r Commissioner of the Revenew I have Shipped the Sloop Sally Rambly Cap^t Roby Latesta 13 Ca of Strained Spermaceti Oil for the Light house — and it is the desire of the Commissioner that those Marked A Should be used during the mild season — & to begin the winter with those marked XX which it is Supposed will be the most fluid in Cold weather no Vessel being bound directly to Wilmington I have been obliged to give an extraordinary freight to oblige Cap^t Latesta to deliver this quantity there — Inclosed is a bill of Lading for the Oil, & at foot is invoice thereof — I am &c —

5 mo 7. 1796

To Alsop & Hicks

I duly received your obliging favours of 8^br 11^th & 28 ult. the former covering $ 500 Dollars you received of Cobby & Chew. and for your care therein I am obliged — In your second Note your hint respecting J. W. of whom I have enquired of J. Howland & am surprized at such Conduct in him, & shall with caution put the matter in train. your last inclosed Thaddeus Mayhews draft on his farther for three hundred Dollars which is paid & to your Credit — I am glad to find the Ann has a freight and also to find by yours that there was room to hope Congress would provide for the carrying the British Treaty into effect, the Doubt on this point has spread a very general alarm through the Country — We have joined the Train of Memorials with near 500 Signatures & not one dessentient — I have this day Drawn upon you in favour of Caleb Green for $ 64. 12/100 and having an oppertunity of taking $ 150 or $ 200 of a Cardinian bound to New York, & little probability of this reaching you before the 16^th when I suppose the 2^d payment for the Oil will be due. I shall

draw upon you in his favour he will not sail from this Port before the 10th —
As opperturnities occur but seldom to sell bills on New York & Philadelphia I am
under necessity of availing myself of all that occur — I am &c

To William Ellery Esqr

5mo 9. 1796

Not having received by last Mail any reply to my letter to thee of the 5th after considering that if the Oil should be shipd to another port in order to procure a conveyance to Wilmington, it would increase the expence, I have thought it best to Contract with Capt Latesta of the Sloop Sally Rambly, to take the Oil & deliver it at Wilmington for one Dollar & fifty Cents ₰ barrel, I have accordingly shipped 13 Casks by him containing 805 Gallons as ₰ Invoice & bill of lading inclosed herein amounting to $ 744.20 — I have given the Consignee J Read Esqr particular information conformable to thy request, which kind to receive for Master hoping this tranaction may meet thy approbation — I am &c —

5mo 2. 1796

To Robert Roberts

My friend W S Wall has informed me that thou was in some expectation of removing to this Country and that thou was much acquainted with the Millwright & Rolling business — I should be glad to hear when thou expects to come out, and also if it will be as agreeable to thee to come to Boston as any other Port of the Continent New England at present promises more advantage for Mechanicks than the Southern States, being much more engaged in Manufactures — I have lately purchased an excellent Site for a Slitting & Rolling mil about 8 miles from this Town on which I have expectation of establishing a Rolling & Slitting Mil. and if the probability was in favour of thy being here in season & willing to undertake the business, I would rather suffer some delay, than to go on upon the plan of those Common to this Country — I can have from 10 to 15 feet head water & a sufficient supply almost all the season — my business in the Mill will probably be rolling hoops & Slitting Nail Rods, with Sometimes Rolling Sheet Iron — The Rolls made in this Country I do not think equal to yours, but I suppose some difficulty will attend bringing them out, but if thou comes & can bring out a pair well finished, I shall be glad to make the compensation therefor — I think they might be conveyed onboard a Ship bound to Boston without discovery without its being known who shipped them, & by another conveyance I could be informed of it — as all unclaimed Goods goes to the Custom

House & there lay 9 month for Clear

I have a brother at present in London Benjamin Rotch at ~~no~~ Jon^s Barbers No 39 Lumbard Street to whom I shall write to reimburse thee, but as he has given some hints of an expectation to return to this Country the ensuing Summer, I wish thee to write him to know if in London. I will answer what thou may advance if thou will procure me the Rolls, If he should be there I shall be glad thou would draw upon him & Ship me out the Screw work for the Rolling mill Lathe as that business comes much cheaper from England than can be done in this Country. I wish it to be sent to Boston & to be put in a tight Iron bound Keg, as that may prevents its taking injury in case of being wet — the Rolls I think also had best be put into 2 Casks & made tight — we have an Air furnace in this Town that any common Castings can be made — I shall be willing to compensate thy trouble if thou will by the first conveyance send me the best plan for such a Mill, as I want most all to make the necessary arrangement for the flumes placing the water wheels &c

5 mo 14.

Alsop & Hicks

Referring to my last of 7. I have only to say on this I drew on you in favr Rodrigo Lateste for $150 - & this day at 5 d^s sight in favr Jn^o Mayhew for $500 - which hope will meet you in Cash for the 2^d payment for the Oil — Jan^y

also cnsw^d this of 5 mo 2

5 mo 14. 1796

To Joseph. Anthony & Co^s

Since my last of 12^th ult. I have received your esteemed favours dated 25 March 15 & 23 Ap^l the former giving me information of the establishment of your New Firm, in which I sincerely wish you prosperity, the second covering Invoice of Pig Iron hoops Beer & Oil & the last covering Sales of Oil Shiped you by Bunker — all which are satisfactory The Biggs Look promising - but have yet had no trial I am glad you have kept up the price of Strand Oil, & Shall give you a further Supply by Bunker. with the Agent of the Commissioner we have contracted for a few thousand Gallons (8500) which will do rather better than Selling it in Philadelphia — I am obliged to you for the hint on that subject — I find your Acc^t Current right, except your Charging me 5/ short for my draft dated 1 mo 28 in favour of Thaddeus Mayhew for $334 — correcting that, the balance in my favr now transferred to your New Account Stands

36 $5250.87— Since which I have advised of my draft of $300 which you have paid, and have also drawn in favour of Thomas Hazard Junr $300 & in favour of Jerah Kempton $400 all dated 7th Instant these bills are gone to Richmond & Alexandria, when they appear I request your giving them due honour — Please to Send me by Bunker about a hundred Gallons more Linseed Oil, observing the same caution relative to clean casks as in the former — Jam &c —

5 mo 14. 96

To Wm Allibone

By instructions recd from Wm Ellery Esqr of Newport, I have Shipd thee by the Sloop Laura Capt Bunker as p inclosed Invc & Bill Lading 36 Gas Strained Oil marked A & 146 Gas marked XX of the best kind for winter use — which I hope may reach thee in safety —

Jam &c

5 mo 19. 1796

To Absp & Hicks

Since I wrote you on the 14th I am requested by Capt Jeremiah Mayhew to make provision for accommodating his Son with three or four hundred Dollars, which I shall be glad you will do whenever you are in Cash for my own or Abraham Barkers Acct and Thaddeus should want, taking his draft upon his father in my favour — My father with sister Mary, left us yesterday with Wilbur for NewYork, where I hope they will reach in season for Your Yearly Meeting — Jam &c —

5 mo 18. 1796

To William Ellery Esqr

Thy favour by Col Pope of the 11th I duly received & by last Mail I also reclaimed thy last letter of the 6th Inst which I find thro' neglect in having no Mail Bag, the boy who brought the Mail lost in the House where he puts up in Newport. — the delay of that letter disappointed me of conveying the Oil to Norfolk, by a Vessel that sailed on the Morning after it should have reached me — I duly note thy directions for forwarding the Oil to the different Lighthouses, and shall avail myself of conveyances as they occur. & observe thy particular directions — Inclosed thou has Invoice & Bill Lading of 17 Casks Oil Shiped to William Allibone Esqr Philadelphia by Capt Bunker Invoice Amounting to $1234 10/100 —

I know at present of no conveyance to Charleston or Savannah — we have

commonly many Vessels going there in the fall — Should any occur I will forward the Oil there I have a prospect of Shipping to the other places in a few days

Iam &c

5mo 21. 1796

To Jedediah Huntington

By directions of William Ellery Esq.r I have Ship'd thee by the Sloop Tryal Cap.n David Clark Eight Casks of Spermaceti Oil for Light House, as p bill Lading inclosed & Invoice thereof. Those 5 Casks marked A are Common Oil for use in the warm weather & those 3 Casks marked XX are of Superior quality for use in Cold weather & not to be used until the 12 month next — Iam &c

To Tho.s Dickason & Co.a 5mo 21 1796

Since my last respects of 2mo 26 & 3mo 5 relative to my Russia plan, I am favourd with your esteemed favours of 20th Jan.y 3d & 28th March — the first conveyd my Acct Cu.r balance in my favour £ 674. 4. 11 which I have found right the second by Taber accompanied by Invoice of Hoops & Copper, which are to your Credit. Viz the Hoops in my account & the Copper in that of my brother in London Thomas Hazard Jun.r to which you will please to transfer that ammount — and your last covered Sales of the Oil p Taber, which are satisfactory, except the Casks of whale Oil in my Invoice, which I am clear must have been a mistake, as to my knowledge that Oil was taken in the West Indies in a small Vessell that brought home none but Spermaceti - that of my brother Tho.s Rotch, may be more possible, as it was brought in the Barclay — The unreasonable delay of S. Russell & Sons last fall in not dispatching Taber sooner, has I suppose cost us 60 £ Ster upon the Oil but Iam glad it is sold The nett proceeds £ 690 - 0. 5 Is to your Credit —

I hope soon to hear that you have been able to execute my plan for a Russia Cargo & that I may expect the arrival thereof in early season — Iam &c

Iam a little surprised that B Shaw should apply to you in the manner you mention & for your Caution Iam much obliged — he did not find the Lewis unappropriated that I expected of course the whole busines is at an end —

see conclusion on next page

To Samuel Enderby & Son 5mo 21 Iam &c

Your favour of Nov.r 19 did not reach me until 12 of 3 month. the contents I have noted but a more early receipt could not have benefited you. as you will find by my former

Letters — the price of Oil having kept up ever since at Nantucket £63 has constantly been given for Spermaceti Oil — tho' little has been brought in since the early part of winter — Two Ships have been absent almost 2 Years not yet returned from the Pacific Ocean — There is not now enough in New England to supply the American Demand — We have contracted to supply the public Lights this season at 90 Cents for strained Oil & 95 Cents for pressed Oil by which you may from an opinion of the little probability of the price admitting of any Speculation for your Market. I shall however keep your Order open until Countermanded, unless some intervening circumstances shall amount to Sufficient reason for withholding the execution thereof — I am much obliged by the List of your Fishermen sent me by your S & J.s — their number is less than I expected, that have returned the last year — but your whale Fleet of 60 Sail I suppose does not exceed the number from the New England States — Ours will increase when the Freighting business declines, as many of our Ships design'd for the Fishery, are yet in that employment — I am &c

To T Dickason & Co.

P S added to this letter on other page 5 mo 24

My brother Thos has suspended drawing upon you until I find whether you are ~~in Cash~~ drawn upon for Petersburg to a greater amount than you are in Cash for my Acct. if you should be. I have his liberty to request you will consider whatever balance is due him as applied towards the other payment

See addition in page 51

I am &c

5 mo 26. 1796

To Daniel Stevens Esq.

By direction of the Commissioner of the Revenue I have Shipped thee by the Schooner Hannah Capt. James Coffin, 8 Casks Strained Oil as p Invoice on the Bill of Lading inclosed — the 4 Casks marked XX N.o 23. 24. 25. & 26 are recommended to be reserved for use in winter — I am &c

5mo 26. 1796

To John Habersham Esq.

I am directed in behalf of the Commissioner of the Revenue to send thee 600 Gallons of Strained Oil for the Light house, for which thou has bill of Lading inclosed. Shipd by the Schooner Hannah James Coffin Master — I am &c

PS If there is any preference in the Oil for Winter use I think the three Large Casks may be put for Cold weather — I am &c

5mo 26. 1796

To Wm Ellery Esq

Since my last I have succeeded in finding conveyance for the Oil ordered to New London, Charleston & Savannah, conformable to the inclosed. Invoice & bills of Lading to the two last places I have been obliged to give an extra freight, which is as moderate as could be expected considering the Vessel is to go purposely to one of the Ports & has but little other freight — I expect next week a conveyance to Portsmouth when thy order will be completed except to Norfolk & I believe it will not be long before that will find a conveyance —

As I am doubtful if we shall have Oil from head Matter enough to send the quantity thou has directed being more than I contracted for. I have thought best to carry thy orders to send to Savannah (the most Southern Light) the Strained Oil only. of which quality I supplied the same light last year, & I have heard from the Superintendent that they never had so good oil before nor ever knew so good a light there

These Invoices to thy Debit amo. to $1507.60

I am

To Hazard & Robenson & Co

5mo 27. 1796

Hoping soon to hear from you in reply to the foregoing duplicate of my last, I have only to say that on several accounts I am anxious to receive the Sales there alluded to which hope are already on the way — Your particular attention to forward those Sales immediately will much oblige

I am &c

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Esteemed Friends
Hicks & Daughty

5 mo 28. 1795

Since my last to H & H I am favd with yours of 16 & 25th Inst. the former covering a post note for $300, which I have c.d the acc.t of Alsop & Hicks, and the latter informing of my draft being paid, for wh. I am obliged, and by yaur remitting the note, You are in advance after paying my draft which as before mentioned you will please to consider for the account of Ab.m Baker By this negociation my request relative to supplying Haddens Mayhew must be suspended until the third payment which perhaps may be as early as he may want

I am much pleased by yaur last to be informed of my fathers safe arrival, it being the only letter we have rec.d fm New York since that event Sam & c

5 mo 31. 1795

To David Anthony I duly received thine of 10.th Inst. & note thy observation relative to the dull sale of Candles, but hope they will move again and wish to be informed whenever thou can sell more of mine, as I shall yet want to find a market for a large quantity — If I see thee at Newport, we can arrang matters for the little money thou hast of mine, but perhaps I may give an Order to brother Thomas to pay the Yearly Meetings Treasurer, if so & it exceeds what thou art in Cash I will settle it at Newport — I am &c I have given Thomas an order on the for £40 — I am &c

5 mo 28. 1795

To Joseph Haverstham Esq.r Thine of 14.th Inst. I duly received with the contracts for conveying the Mail, the Counter part of which I have signed with the Bond & now inclosed the, thou will see the small addition I have made conformable to the terms I offered, the Packets are under obligation to go as thou propose wind & weather permitting & thou may be assured no delay will take place but from necessity — I rec.d the Draft for the last Quarter, but I believe no draft has ever been sent for the Quarter ending the former Contract — I am &c

5 mo 28. 1796

To Hicks & Doughty

Adoption

My neighbour Joseph Masefield, of the house of Fish & Masefield the former of whom is known to you, being lately united in business goes to Newyork with a view of procureing Goods & may stand in need of your recommendation, he is a respectable young man & I have ever found him very punctual & deserving of Confidence your attention & assistance to him will oblige me — I am &c

6 mo 1. 1796

To Edmund Prior

I am obliged by thy information relative to Pig Iron I have a present supply, and may hereafter apply as thou advises I note thy observation upon the purchase of Staves & shall prefer thy procuring them, if thou art willing but as I have found opportunity of purchasing some here this Spring, I am not in want of any great quantity — if thou finds any vessel that will bring them not exceeding 6 Dollars ₩ M for Hhds Staves & others in proportion I shall like to have ten thousand of hogsheads & Barrels (half each) with heading if to be had — whenever thou can purchase them thus & of best quality — I am pleased to hear my Sister & M R were with other friends at Newyork my father also reached there I suppose on the day those were

The Candle Moulds are to thy Credit with thy Commission Acct.

neighbour J Masfield the bearer of this is a respectable young man, in trade under the form of Fish & Masfield — should he want any goods in thy way, I have no doubt they will be punctual to their Contracts having always found him so previous to their late establishment during several years acquaintance Thy Pork is Sold and most of the Beef whenever thou finds a Sale for the Candles I shall be glad to send them more — I am &c

6 mo 3. 1796

To Joseph Whipple Esq.

By direction of the Commissioner of the Revenue, I now Ship thee Ten Casks Spermaceti Oil for the Light House — those marked on the head XX nos 27. 28. 29. 30 are of the best kind for winter use & the other 6 marked A nos 29 to 34 for use in warm weather this distinction the Commissioner Desired thou might be informed of — Inclosed is Capt. Howlands bill of Lading — I am &c

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William Ellery Esqr

6 mo 3, 1796

Having this day Shipd to Portsmouth the Oil thou Ordered, I herewith send Invoice & bill of Lading thereof — for so small a quantity of freight I have been obliged to advance the price thereof to induce a Vessel to Stop. Which Capt. Maltbie recommended in preference to Shipping it to thee, by said Capt. in the Revenue Cutter, I have sent thee the only remaining quantity, designed for Norfolk, and as I had not the full quantity of press'd Oil From Head, Matter (the more than to fulfil my Contract) I thought best to send the whole ordered to Portsmouth the most northern situation & to fall short at Norfolk, where I doubt not the other kind will do well — thou will find here Capt. Maltbies bill of Lading — I have had all full bound that was designed South of Philadelphia except two small barrels Gauging 23 & 29. for Norfolk which being Iron hoopd is unnessary, but I have had double that quantity full bound that have gone to the other places —

Anexed is Invoice of the two last Shipments Amounting to $ 1020.40 —

The remainder of the Oil is allready & earlier I receive directions for its destination the more time it will give me to find Conveyances for it. As I expect to be in Newport next week, shall consult thee relative to payment &c I am &c

6 mo 6, 1796

To Samuel Blagge

Last mail brought me thy favour of the first Instant, Several of our whale Men are arrived but have brought a small quantity of Spermaceti Oil not 20 Tons, 2 Ships are expected from the Pacific Ocean who we hear have obtained about 150 Tons, three others may be expected in the course of the Fall, which are all the Ships who have gone specially for Sperm Oil — the principal parts of the Ships have only a few tons of that kind — that I think 500 Ton is the extent that will be at market this year — What I offered to the last fall I sold at £55 ₰ Ton — and since that have bought a Cargo myself at $ 200 - and have contracted to supply the Lighthouses at 90 Cents ₰ Gallon which is $ 226 80/100 — from the present demand, there is no prospect of any being purchased under $ 200 - for the Oil Strained which I suppose is the Order thou would wish to have it in — I expect none myself until late in the fall — Should thou incline to give me Orders to purchase thou may depend upon my utmost exertions to serve thy interest — My Comission is 2½ ₰ Cent what our family shipp'd to London has venter sold for £90 and £84 - ₰ — I am &c

6mo 7. 1796

To Seth Spooner — We are much obliged by thy offerd assistance to aid our application to General Court for an Act of Incorporation to enable us Legally to proceed in Building a Bridge across the River — For that purpose we now inclose thee our petition to the Court with, the vote of the Town upon the Subject — The place Contemplated is to begin at Smiths Point and the end of Middle Street. thence to Fish Island cross the Island & from another bridge to Co Pops Island. crossing that Island from another Bridge to the East side landing between Fair Haven & Oxford the whole distance across concluding the Islands is 3933 feet. distance of water 2900 feet - and Greatest depth 34 feet water —

From high water Marks to 10 feet water at full tide distance is 1850
to 15 feet water 490 from 15 to 20 feet 430 from 20 to 30 feet 70 is 990
from 30 to 34 feet 60
2900

It has ben thought that 30 feet wide will be sufficient & perhaps part of the way 24 feet — and that a draw 30 feet wide be made on the East & West Channell. —

We conceive the expence will be so great that the Associates will not be willing to undertake it Unless the advantages can be secured to them & their heirs forever — Nor does it appear that the expence can be countervailed without a large toll - it will be our wish that the Toll be restricted only to the former establishment for the Ferrage, which, which is for a single person 6d. man & hors 1/6 —. yet it is probable the Proprietors will make trial at the following Rates. at less it cannot be worth undertaking — Foot passengers 6 Cents man & hors 12 Cents Single horse Chaise 25 Cents &c — It has also been the opinion of several of ~~[illegible]~~ the Subscribers that it will be the best the Act precludes the exaction of Toll on the First day of the week from all those who usually attend Religious Meetings on the opposit side of the River to that on which they live — also of all the children crossing the Bridge Daily in going to or from School — It may not be amiss that no person be allowed more than 20 Votes notwithstanding he may possess a greater number of Shares, the number of shares proposed is 150 - but it is probable the number will be increased to 200 — Wishing thy particular attention in the several stages of the business, we conclude thy respectful friends In behalf of the Associates W Rotch —

At a Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of New Bedford on the seventh Day of June Seventeen hundred & ninety six having been previously notified Voted Unanimously; That the town consent that the Subscribers for erecting a Bridge across Acushnet River from the Village of Bedford on the West side, to land between the Villages of Fair Haven & Oxford on the East Side, have Liberty to erect a Bridge as aforesaid, provided that a Sufficient Draw be made on the East & West Channell for the Passage of Vessells &c — A true Copy from the Records Attest Lem.l Williams Town Clerk

To the General Court of Massachusetts The Subscribers in behalf of themselves & their Associates Respectfully represents

That from the inconveniences they suffer in the Transaction of their business by having a long ferry to Cross between the three Villages on each side of Acushnet River, they have contemplated, that advantages would arise from Erecting a Bridge across said River, and that it would be promotive of the General interest of the inhabitance on each side of said River, as also of that of the Town of New Bedford & its Vicinity at Large — We therefore pray the General Court to grant them an act of Incorporation under Sufficient regulation & reasonable Tolls & Allowances to enable them with their Associates to Erect a suitable Bridge across the said River New Bedford 6mo 7. 1796

6mo 16. 1796

To Boott & Pratt

A friend of mine being in want of money of money to raise from bills on Hamburgh has applied to me to assist him the Sale — If you can accommodate him by takeing from one to 2 Thousand Pounds payment perhaps for one half may be delayed 30 or 60 day Your proposals by next mail which leave Town 4 Clock on second day morning will oblige me — Bill on London were at par last week in N York

Jam &

Copy of Hamberg & Hamberg freres Letter
Orginal sent to Benjamin Hussey Dunkirk

Mr Wm Rotch jun.r Sir Havre febr.y 27th 1796

Since our letter of the 10th Inst we have been favoured with yours of the 12th of Decr under the cover of our mutual friend Mr B Hussey of Dunkirk in reply thereto we shall give you the true explanation relating to the Oil and Bone you shipped on board the mary Captain Haaves under the mark B in the latter end of Decr 1793

We well recollect that Captain Haaves on his arrival here handed us the billet of which you gave us copy in your aforesaid letter. This scrap of paper we did not dare to trust by the post at that time, but we ... soon after gave it in charge to some American captain going to Dunkirk who it was we do not now recollect, with the desire to Deliver it to Messs Debaecque and we verily believe that either said captain or somebody els comeing from Dunkirk assured us that those Gentlemen had recieved it

The purport of this billet as well as the paragraph in your letter of the 27 of Decr 1793 was that we were to follow the derections of Messs Debaecque with regard to 291 casks of oil and 130 bundles of whale bone marked B and that they where at liberty to take said shipment if they chose from several motives and particularly that of the maximum then going forward we could not hazard any thing in writting to said friends relating to this matter though we pretty well understood your meaning. We therfore thought it best not to say any thing about it till we recieved directions from them if they chose to give us any an as they never mentioned any thing to us about this transaction we have reason to believe they concided with our way of thinking and prefered that the remittances should go to your hands where they where shure to find them whenever they pleased.

Never Messrs Debaecque claimed said oil or bone or the produce thereof if they had we certainly would not of hesitated a moment

to deliver that property there honesty and character are to well known to us to have made any objection to follow their directions, if were the matter had not appeared clear to us

We could not see that Mr B Hussey was interested in this business in this affair and in the several letters he wrote us at the time and since he did not make any mention of it

Surely neither Mess Debaecque nor Mr Hussey never could entertain the least idea of a collusion ~~between your~~ between your house and our respecting this business. They well know your principles of honesty & candour and we flatter our selves that they also know ours, If either of them had had a mind that the produce of the oil an bone should be paid them here, or to take that part of the cargo they should of writen us or given us a hint of it & we would certainly obeyed to their direction's, Captain Swain delivered to Mr Hussey a like billet as Capt Hawes delivered to us and he knew as much of the business as we did Capt: Isaiah Hussey was wrong in informing you that Mr Debaecque applyed to us and that we did comply with their request as they never did Mr Hussey in his letter to us say he never thought there was never any contrubance between you & us and that he was egnorant of this shipment & therefore could not claim it, that he had a quantity of oil in your hands which he ordered to remain with you till he thought proper to have it removed. This is all the exclanation we can give in this matter our conduct therein has been pure

No Alteration in the situation of our market since our last, to which we refer & remain sincerely &c

6 mo 23. 1796

To Joseph Hussey

I rec'd the Inv'o of Dougs & respects which I had previously wrote thee, I shall be glad to have an acc't of the expences on that Invoice, also the casks wh't Lead No. 33 & 2 casks Yellow Ochre No. 6, with the 46 Sp's Brown No. 1. 2. 3. 4 sent by Capt Cast

or other conveyance — please also give thy opinion if thou can sell such parts of the Inv.° as I shall not want — also whether thou has reserved a copy of the Inv.° if not I will send one down —

I also want to know the State of the Candlemar ket having more to send thee — & at what price thou can sell a few Tons Strained Sperm.° Oil, please to say what is the price of Slump for cash or 60 Days —

I am &c

Respected friend
Peter Roe Dalton

New Bedford 6mo 24 1796

Not having heard if Payson & Stearns have paid thier last acceptance for upwards of a $1000 dew the 3.d instant I have defered drawing thereupon until this day when presuming it is paid I have drawn a small check. Which hope will be excused if the payment is has been delayed & I will reasonably remit the amount with Interest, I shall be much obliged by the Informa- tion If I can be supplyed with 2 or 3 thousand Dollars from the Bank for 30 days from the latter end of next month to be paid by Boott & Pratts acceptance — at that period & the bank I suppose dicounts for only 30 Days I do not expect to draw the money but within that time of payment —

I am &c

To Samuel Philips

6mo 24. 1796

I have closed the sales of thy last paper except 2 bundles, and shall have a market for considerable more if here in 3 or 4 week — and of suitable quality, such as I have heretofore desired — we have now 2 or 3 Vessells in Boston, of whom thou can gain information at Joseph Huseys Store — If thou art like to send some please to write one by first Mail, otherwise my friends must look out elsewhere for their supply —

I am &c

To Boott Pratt

5 mo 25 1796

I have received yours of the 20ult acceeding to the proposals I made you in behalf of Capt

Isaiah Huffey and altho the discount of 2 per cent is in ~~addition~~ addition to his wishes he has concluded to send you 2000 pounds Stg in a bill drawn by him on Parish & Co Hamburg at sixty days which you will please to place to my credit to pay in 60 days —

Capt Huffey being brother in law to Mark Coffin he has procured his indorsment — he has orders from his father in Dunkirk to draw these bills & I have no dout they will be paid Pam & c

To Joseph Antony & Co 6 mo 24 1796

I duly recieved your esteemed favour of the 4th inst & am pleased you have succeeded so well in selling the oil — by Bunker we send about Six Tons more of the same quality, as the last, which I hope will do as well & we have about as much more on hand which closes our preasent stock —

I have placed to your credit amo t of the oil & Cracker by Bunker — The R — , have been duly forwarded to Nantucket Pam & c

To Booth & Pratt 7 mo 2 1796

Your favour of 27 ult I duly recieved incloseing Capt Huffeys bill which I have returned to him & as it was not his expectation to make the bills payable in London. I have advised his going to Boston to accomplish the sale himself — With respect to an indorser we will now be defficient but I have no doubt an application to his brother in law Mark Coffin he would Insure payment of the bills of which payment I have not the least doubt as have myself bought a bill of him last spring for one Thousand Pounds on the same order he has now to draw

Capt Huffey is a man of ample property

and is also connected with his father in Dunkirk who is also a man of punctuality & property

My only aversion to Indorse his bills has proceeded from an inwillingness, to ask him commission while his brother would gladly do him the service gratis I am &c.

To Thomas Dickason & Co. 7mo 4. 1796

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Conferring the foregoing duplicate of my last respects I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favours of 30 Ult. 86 may received by last post by which I am informed you have succeeded in Chartering the Bedford Capt. Grennell, to go to Petersburgh to Load for my Account & your tranactions therein I am well satisfied both as to the Ship & the terms — I had hoped after hearing the Bedford was gone to London that if you suspected my funds would do for so large a Ship that you would receive my letters in season to take her up —

I hope she said at the time you expected, and that she will be one of the first Ships, if so it will turn out well Hemp is ~~210~~ £85 & Iron £34. —

I have rec. the Invoice of Paints & Lead by Park Amo to your Credit £101.12. —

To Cutler & Amory New Bedford 7mo 4. 1796

Your esteemed favours of 1st Ult. I rec by last mail. and regret that it is not in my power to offer your terms for 20 Tons of Oil you are in want of — Since I furnished you with 15 Tons only one Cargo of that kind of Oil has arrived, and that I purchased at $200 ℔ Ton $210 has since been given for little parcels but I think there is not 20 Tons for Market in New England 2 Ships are expected from the pacific Ocean, and I have one that has been absent about 11 months that if successful may bee soon looked for — Should you not procure the quantity you want & I can at a future time serve you therein I shall gladly attend to your Order.

The small quantity of Sperm Oil retaind in the United States last year has occasioned a great advance in price for home Consumption — prepared for Ships it has generally been sold for about $240 ℔ Ton — I am &c

To Joseph Hussey 7mo 5. 1796

I rec'd thine of 27th Ult with Sales of 100 Bbls of Candles Nett $1513.20 which is placed to thy Debit I note thy observations relative to the Medicines. I fear they will prove a loss to the Shippers, but if I can from their Sale remit them the Amount of their Invoice in the course of the fall I shall be glad Therefore if thou can dispose of them so as to net only 5 p Cent more than the Invoice & Charges to pay thy Commission & Mine, I leave thee to dispose of them — the paints &c are so high Charg'd I dont expect they will do better than that & where any one article will do better ~~than that I have any one article will do better than that I where any one article will do better than that I where~~ it must be attended to, as there are some, I doubt not will fall Short - I note particularly the Cask Spanish White which I think must be too high charg'd or may be better in quality than our whiting —

I have the liberty of puting them to publick Sale but I think that will Sacrafice them —

I send thee the invoice which thou may retain If the paint brushes which are interspersed among the packages unknown, prove an objection, I like to have them return'd & count me — thou will note several articles in the invoice are margined uncertain which must be reserved in the sale of the packages — when opportunity presents I intend sending thee some Strained Oil which sells to the westward at 90 ℔ Gall which price hope thou will obtain — Hemp I may write for at a future time or before I seal this — I am &c

PS Inclosed is an Invoice of paints & Lead by the Minerva Capt Parks which to enter & forward by first Conveyance, if none to this place via Nantucket —

To David Antony 7mo 5 1796

As soon as I can have some chandels made I intend sending thee some — I can also send thee a few casks of strained oil if thou sell it for one dollar a gallon —

If thou can purchase me a pair of Second hand steelyards that will weigh from 4 ℔ to a Ton weight on reasonable terms I wish to have a pair I mean of the common form not those for weighing hay — But with hooks — Please send them as soon as thou can —

I want them to weigh large castings a the furnace & occasionally to weigh pig Iron &c — I am &c.

To Peter Roe Dalton 7th mo 7th 1796

I request thy care in recieveing of Joseph Hussey the amount of the within bill of Exchange drawn by Wm Rotch & Sons in my favour 3 days sight for $700 Thy obliging favour I duly recieved & note the payment. it is yet doubtful if I shall want the discount Thou kindly informs may be expected for thy attention there to please to accept my thanks, I expect Jo: Hussey will deposit to my credit $559 31/100 in a few days I am &c.

To Salisbury & Higginson 7th mo 12 1796

Capt Josiah Hussey has requested me to forward you his three bills of Exchange on Parish Esqrs favour of & indorsed by Mark Coffin — payment for which he informs me is to be made in three equal payments at Sixty Ninety & Thirty days — and it is his wish that either of your fathers indorse the notes and to save their transportation, I have wrote the notes & procured Capt Husseys endorsment to me & made mine to the Cashier of the United States Bank two for $2900 & one for $2911.. 4 — if you find them right please to have them signed & lodged with PR Dalton & give me by first post information of their being signed & lodged as requested, & of the reciept of the bills which are dated july 9th & are for £750 £700 & £550 amounting with 2p cent Discount to $2710 4/100 I am &c.

54 To Joseph Thupy 7mo 14

I am oblig'd by thine of 8th & the Goods by Merrick have arrived

As there is a New Bedford Vessel in Boston Capt Burgess I wish thee to send me 2 Bourdeaux of 1/4 Qr.

I have had it offer'd at 85 dollrs but hope thou may save a small Comm. & send it at 83 -

please make a contract for the first

I wish thee to obtain a Credit for the hemp if no advance in price - My present calls for m[y] are more than I am able to comply with, & as I hope thou art in Cash for my Acct. I shall be glad to know to what amt. thou can answer my draft in course of this month. The bonds I hope will be paid for at the time as it is near at hand - I am -

please inform me if thou has deposited in the Bank to my Cr. for Acct WRS $559 30/100

To Brothers De Bauque 7th mo 14th 1796

Craving reference to my last by the Hudson, Duplicate of which I forward with this I have now to acknowledge the reciet of your obliging favour of feb[y] 20 the contents of which I duly note - & am pleased to find by your information & since by yours my brothers account that the Livres which I appivehended were wasting in France have realized me something -

I am also pleased to find the american Cargo since it could not be sold is in your hands & also that you are encouraged to think, by patience a good sale may be found

And as the object I had in view in consigning by that ship
to Barnabas Shaw 10 Tons of Whale oil & 5 Tons of Spermi
is at an end, I wish him to leave the consignment to you
& for you to remit the proceeds to accordingly to the hint
before given to Lubbert & Dumas at Hamburg, that if
posable I may avail myself thereof at Pitersburg next
winter ~

I have endeavoured to effect a settlement with
Shubble Coffin, but to no purpose as he declines makeing
any advances to me on your account, untill some fur-
ther ~~advice~~ settlement takes place of which I have
desired his writing you the particulars he objects to

When you recieved his letter your judgment will
guide you to pursue proper methods to reclaim the
property he with holds ~ I have pointed out to him
the injury you are sustaining by the delay, as he does
not expect to allow you interest upon the ~~upon~~ the ad-
vances I have made ~

In answer to my letter of Hamberg & Homberg proves
relative to my unpleasent business with Capt Benj^a
Hussey they have sent me the inclosed. in order that
you may see what they say relative to that business
I trouble you with it an which I wish you to shew
Capt Hussey ~ an I submit to your judment. if con-
sidering Mark Coffin having even enjoined the Ship-
ping the Oil & what I have said & what the inclosed
letter declares, I say viewing all these circumstances
if Capt B Hussey can be justified in throwing upon
my character the charge of any thing dishonourable?
I defy him or any other man to charge me with
it justly - and I am happy in feeling myself out of
the reach of being injured by his illeberal, insinuation
which I have fregruently been informed he has attem
ted to do - However I feel a satisfaction in knowing

that I have had it in my to render much
assistance to his Children with much more
view of serving them than to my own interest
For their accommadation I have often subjected
myself to veal disadvantages,
Our market for Oil in now very dul except
for Sperm Oil which sells for 200 Dollars
pe Ton
I am in debt to Capt Wm Moors about £500 Stg
which I shall be glad if you can negociate with him
to have it paid, of which I have wrote him.
Being at all times willing to render you every
service in my power. I am &c.

(23) since the foregoing Capt Hussey has given me a bill
of Exch. on you for 1200 Crowns Spain in order to accomo
date Francis Macy to make remittance to Charlin
which hope will meet your approbation. I am
with esteem

To Brother's De Bauque 4 mo 26 1796

£ 2 Wt
30 .. 2 .. 10 as Since closing my letters I have Shipd
I inclosed Invoice which desire you to receive
& dispose of part of the bone being the property of Capt
Shubael Coffin 2d of Nantucket he will doubtless advise
you respecting his property which you will please to follow
Capt F Macy desired we also to enclose you his bill Lading
£ 2 Wt
for 16. 2. 14 of which he has advised you only I conclude
the quantity is more than he mentioned in his letter
I am &c

To William Mooers 7mo 20. 1796

I have lately received thy esteemed favour of 2mo 18. & am pleased to find my conduct with respect to thy interest meets thy approbation —

My brother Benjamin informed me what thy letter also confirms, that thou concluded for me to take the Lydia that is thy quarter for five hundred pounds Stg She is accordingly more — we have had no accounts from her since she sailed more than eleven months since — And as I have money due to me through our friends Brothers De Bauques hands, if thou wants of them & they will accommodate thee I shall be very glad to have it paid that way, if not in any way thou chuse

I am not a Strainger to the manner in which my Character has been handled by one of our Islanders in Dunkirk, of which doubtless thou hast heard — but I assure thee, my undertaking to Ship the Oil was by the express desire of Mark Coffin and it turned out very well tho' long in the negociating Yet from the unexpected Rise of Oil here say £30 in replacing the quantity which I have delivered Isaiah Hussey, I have lost about nine hundred Dollars — I know I was wrong in believing that if it did not turn out to the wish of B H that he would approve my following the direction of his Son-in-law, but I have now settled the matter — had I delayed delivering the Oil till now, the money I rec'd for his Oil would more than replace the same quantity — as I wish the to know in what manner I have justified myself, I desire thou will request Hussey from me to shew thee my letters to him on the subject as also Brothers de Bauque what I have written them, as the subject is too long thy to repeat.

The whole amount of the proceeds tho' I had not drawn it, I had advanced to Isaiah in the outfit of his Ships, that I have never made use of a Shilling of Husseys money for my own use — I shall attend to settle with Barna Smith according thy proposal he has made a good Voyage was 21 years I think in 3 month last & is now about marrying —

To Cartwrite & Swain 7mo 25th 1796

I under you brought about 5 m of Ash heading of a Capt Delano last spring, the same quantity was brought here purchased at Kennebec in Company with Delano which we agreed with Obed Cushings for a the same rate Delano should sell his at Nantucket, I shall be very much obliged by your information what price you gave

as also what quantity counted out of the 5 m
as we have some dispute with some of the coopers &
wish to conform exactly in quantity & price to Delano

I am &c.

To Jo^{a} Thebaud 7 mo 25 1796

I duly recieved thy esteemed favour of
2 ^{d} Ult & am pleased to find thy wishes are answered in
my advice to Capt Parker being just about leaving home
for our annual meeting at New Port, when he arrived
it was out of my power to render him that assistance
which I wished but recommended him to Capt. May-
hew who I hope answered his full purpose
I expected to have all the Materials redy to send by
this Conveyance which thou wrote for but our Mec-
hanicks have been so engaged it has not been in my
power but I hope in the course of this week they will
be redy to forward when they are redy no time will
be lost in sending them on I am &c.

To Joseph Hussey 7 mo 26. 1796

Thy esteemed favour of 18 th I duly rec^{d}
with the expence on the importation of Paints & Lead to thy C^{t} £16.12

I note thy observations relative to the invoice of Medocens I wish
get clear of them and should be contented to net the proprietors the
Amo: & save a Commission for myself & thee. but if that cant be done
I had rather they were sold for the Cost & Charges - I dont doubt
some articles are charged high, but perhaps others are low - I therefore
leave thee to close the sale as thou may think best making payment
condetioned as short as may be & having security such as thee may

thing quite safe — I am sorry thou faild of obtaining the hemp but hope thou will yet succed in purchasing me two tons of very good at or under £85 - a Vessell goes vound this week (who takes Candles for thee) who will bring it at five Dollars ℔ Ton — I expect the Ship Bedford fm Peters burgh with a Cargo of hemp & Iron in all next month, for me, if the price does not fall on arrivals I shall not regret the high price I shall delay my drafts as long as convenient hope the sum is paid request by W R S I shall not be able to do without calling upon thee next week I hope payment will soon be made for the Bone — I am &c —

7mo 26. 1796

To Benj^a Williams

I have fallen much short of bricks for finishing my small house & shall have to borrow perhaps 5. or 6 M — and wish thee to send me that quantity or 10. 000 as soon as thou can — they will probably be wanted in 3 or 4 weeks & I have no doubt a whole load will sell —

But the first bricks thou sent have proved very bad indeed I doubt not ½ were in 2 pieces by the time they were laid — I am &c

P.S. In my behalf a contract was made for a large Teakettle pattern & 2 or more flasks which I requested might be left with thee to come by wat^r of thou has rec^d them & no vessel soon coming I shall be greatly oblig^d by thy care in sending them by the Stage — I am &c —

To Mildred & Allen

7mo 20 1796

Your Esteemed favour of 30^th of 3^rd mo came to hand in due course together with an invoice of Drugs &c designed for Caleb Greene my determination relative thereto, I expect has been already communicated to you by my brother to whome I immediately gave the information. I feel very sorry my Neighbour Green should be so imprudent as to desire so extensive

60 a Credit & when I found by his own confession
that he already owed you for two invoices sent out
in confidence of his punctuality & also finding he
could give no adequate security, by which remittence
could be realized to you for several years but from
his retail sales I felt myself restrained by the
confidence you placed in me for delivering the
Goods to him — I however gave him every indulgence
the nature of the case could allow with sufficient
time to seek partners to take the invoice with
himself whereby he might be benifitted by any
particular articles he stood in need of. failing there-
in he relinquished the thought & I have since tried
to dispose of them to all the Druggists in Boston &
Newport but the time was unfavourable, from the
large importations just then made & I knew to offer
them at Publick sale would be sacrafieing them —
I have therefore rested a little until the Spring Sup-
ply was a little run off & last mail gives me some
expectation of closeing the sale in a short time at the
cost & charges of importation which I believe is the
is the best that can be done & which I concieve by
your letter will please you better than to keep them
long on hand — some of the articles being charged
much higher than they come from other parts of
Europe damps the sale but no exertions of mine or
my friends in Boston shall be wanting in indeavour-
ing to remit you the proceeds as early as is possible & I
hope by the next ship to be able to render you an account
of Sales — The remembrance of my Parents & Sisters
was very acceptable — I am &c

To Thomas Dickason & Co 4 mo 27 1796

I wrote you on the 4th inst acknowledge the receipt of yours of 30 Sept & 6th may, expresed my satisfaction in your having engaged the Bedford for my acct ~ I can I can not but hope she will be here in all next month ~

Capt Hawes left a debt uncollected in Havre, which Capt Hawes is now absent but as the whole debt belonged to me & my brother, I know it will be agreeable to him that it should be placed to my Cr & when I know the sum I will settle with them for thier proportions ~

Capt David Swain on his leaving home, left his business in my care & with request when it appeared best to draw his money, that I should do it the law state of Exchange has prevented my doing any thing about it but his wife has now requested since the exchange has mended, that I will draw what is in your hands. Which by your letter dated 15 Jan 1795 to Capt Swain I find was £203.. 17.. 9 ~ but I shall furnish his wife with what money she wants & wait till I know if you are drawn upon from Petersburg more than you are in Cash which if the case I wish you to discount What is due to Capt Swain ~ & I will on information Settle with his wife I am &c.

To Peter Roe Dalton 4th mo 30 1796

I request the favour of thy Collecting the above order on Joseph Hussey for 500 Dollars for my credit ~ I have had [illegible]; Assurance of paying upwards of five Hundred Dollars some days since for my credit Acct which

I hope is done to meet my checks if any thing has prevented the payment I hope the Securities I have pleaged in the Bank will Induce the Gentleman Directions to indulge me with the nessary discount to prevent a protest

I am &c

To Joseph Ripley 9 mo 30 1796

By Capt Howland who sailed on the 28th inst I shipt thee 80 boxes of Candels & W R & S also sent thee one hundred ~ Which hope will find a good Market I have this day drawn upon thee in favour of Peter Roe Dalton for $ 500 at 5 days sight which pleas to pay ~ I hope thow will be able to procure the Hemp to come by Howland ~ I hope thee Sum requested by W R & S to be paid at the Bank is paid as I have drawn thereupon I am &c.

To Wm Ellery Esqr 8 mo 3 1796

Thy Letter of July 14 I duly received & have not been able to procure any conveyance for the oil thou directed to the places of destination & have had the whole put in order as the Inclosed Invoice & Capt Maltbee has this day sailed for Newport with casks the first in the invoice & will probably carry the remaining casks next time

The quantity Complety our Contracts for 8200 Gallons If more is wanted I have about 1500 Gallons more on hand which it will be agreeable to ship to thy order on same account ~ altho I sold a Considerable quantity since the contract at a higher rate but as I wish to keep in the way of supplying the Superfick Lights I desire to do it upon terms that will be advantageous & satisfactory to Government ~

As I expect after next week to be absent from home
some time I shall be glad to know at what time thou
can make it convenient to answer my
drafts for the ballance that will be due me when
all the oil is delivered that I may make my arrang
ments therefor I shall not be in want of it in this
Month unless an Arrival of a Ship from the Baltic
should require it for the payment of her Character

To Joseph Hussey 8mo 4 1796 I am &c

I have received thine of yesterday
& have only time to say that I am surprised to find
the advance of hemp but rather than disappoint
our men wish to have one Ton only sent & hope
befor that is worked up I shall have a Ship in or
it will be lower at Boston Please keep me
advis'd of the price whenever thou writes to any
of the family as also the price of Russia Iron as it
may be in my way to send thee some when
any ship arrives from the Baltic I shall be much
obleged by the inquery relative to ship Bedford Capt
Trennell when he was to sail he was Chartered
in London for my Acct any further information
thou can gain of the price of Hemp & Iron in
Petersburg will be very acceptable to me W Rotch jun

I am &c

To Henry Drinker 8mo 4 1796

Haveing for the convenience
of casting many useful articles for our Ships in the
Fishery erected a Furnace which promises to do
very well but the Iron we have had hitherto is to
Hight for the best uses I shall take it as a particular
favor if thou will procure me from thy works

64 from 10 to 20 Tons of the very best pigs
for an Air Furnace which thou will know
better than I can discribe I want them as soft as
may be for casting our larg Iry Pots which are
a very essential artical to have of the best metal
I shall be glad to have them ready for Capt
Bunker to bring if posable next time he goes
who is to sail next week if not then by the trip
following — If it will be less expence for them
to come Via New York please order them sent
to Hicks & Douty please inform me the quan
tity — I am &c annually of the best quality

To William Eller 8mo 5. 1796

Since writing the foregoing Capt Mabbe
has returnd & taken the residue of the Ad, his bill of Lading is here inclosed
together with thy account Current balance in my favour £ 2998.52
which hope will prove from error — I &c —

To Alexander White 8mo 6 1796

The anexed Letter my kind friend
Thos Fisher left with me at a time that I had a
view of sending by a Vessel to Alexandria dis appoin-
ted of a conveyance this time I wish to gain
information from thee of thee probability of my
procuring any Iron of the Quality wither
discribed & shall be very much obliged by thy
by this information by post if I can have 60 or
80 Tons of pigs on Trial to be sent to Alexandria
or any other convenient Navigable Waters. the
price they will come at delivered there & when

they can be ready — Should this be practable & they prove a proper kind for fine casting such as Hallow ware it is probable I may want a regular supply The quality I want is what is called a Low grey pig — I hope the Trouble I give thee will be compensated whenever it may in my power I am &c.

To Jos Hussey 8mo 6.

Since my last I have been under necessity of drawing upon thee in favour of Dan Rubelson & Son for $200 & $150 which thou will oblige me by thy acceptance of

I am

To Phebe Swain wife of David Swain } 8mo 8. 96

In consequence of the charge left with me by Capt Swain before he sailed, to interest him in a Ship & on the approbation I have manifested to A Barker of my taking an Eighth of a Ship just Launched at the North River, I have agreed for 1/8 of said Ship what is reputed here this week & I find Coffin Whippy is shipd to her as Master, my brother T Howard has the care of the Ship, & the owners have not yet decided where to send her, whether on a Whaling Voyage or with a freight Europe — I have effects in my hand belonging to Capt Swain to equip her in the merchant service, & perhaps enough if she goes a Whaling — however that may be I shall not require any assistance from thee — A B informs me thou wishes to have me draw Capt Swains money from England, as it is not convenient for me to attend to the business of selling Bills at this time which will be best done in Boston, & I am not much bound for home, I shall suspend it

until my return. & in the mean time Abr. will supply thee with what mony thou may want & so much of it as is paid. I will take in London to my account at the present price of Exchange when I find what it is —

By Parker I send thee Two hundred Dollars — and expect in two or three days to send thee a Note of Geo Threborns for $300 more which if it does not answer for thee as well as thee mony, as it falls due next week — if thou will apply to brother Rodmans I will desire him to give thee the mony for it — Sam[l] &c

To Almy & Brown 8mo 9 1796

A few days since Richard Delano was here & requested me to remit you £32. 15. 3 the amount of this note & the bill you sent by me, with his promice of replaceing it in a short time & at same time requested if you could consistently remit the interest that you would do it — alledging that he was unsuccessful in finding a market for the goods brought to you, most all laying yet on hand — I engaged to represent the matter to you — & shall attend to your directions I now inclose you Thomas Howard's own Check on Providence Bank for one hundred & nine dollars $\frac{21}{100}$ which you will please to receive for Richard and [c]. Sam[l] &c.

To Henry Dwight[r] 8mo 4 1796

If thou can send me 10 tons of thy best pigs by Capt Bunker I shall be obliged & will remit the cash speedily Sam[l] &c

To Joseph Anthony & Co 8mo 9 1796

Your esteemed favour of 17th & 21 ult[o] I duly received & note your remarks upon the

sale of the Oil and am glad so much of the last Shipment has found so good a Sale & altho I doubt your advice to ship no more at preasent is founded in reason, yet we have only a small parsel remaining of last years Stock which we wish to get off hand & Bunker being much discouraged about going I have concluded to ship it as p invoice Inclosed which hope you will find better sale for than you apprehended ~

Please send by Bunker 100 Gallons best Linseed Oil ~ & 2 barrels best new flower for my own use

I have recently formed a Connection in Trade with my late pupil Abr Barker and our buisness will in future be transacted under the Firm of Wm Rotch & Co to whose applications you will please to render the same attention you have hitherto Obligingly done

To your Assured friend Wm Rotch jun

To Samuel & Mers Fisher

New Bedford 8 mo 9 1796

Brother Fisher has informed me of the remittance made you on Anthony comeing to hand or at least Conveayed that Idea by his writing which Anthony is quite silent about ~

I hope my Consignment of Candels will not prove a burden to you I do not wish to have them lay long unsold & am also unwilling to be instrumental in reducing the price but if the sale can be encreased by a little deduction I had raither sell them sold & if agreeble to you to receive a further Supply on the prospect of Sale please to mention it ~

I received from Brother S. F a bill of paper (7 reams) amounting to £7.2.6 two reams one of quarto post

68 & one of 2 lb Vellum could not be found which I hope are omited as Bunker thinks he never received it.
The hint proposed for a Conection in a Voyage to Africa with you at preasent thought meets my Cordial acquiescence and I am now about going to Nova Scotia in a new Vessel of 90 Tons that is very favourable to the purpose but as nothing can be done before my return I shall endeavour to gain information upon the buis= ness & communicate it to you Our mate was last year mate of a Vessel on the Coast what I can gain from him is uncertain the Capt of the same Vessel is now out in the Ship Hunter from this place & may be expected back from Europe this fall ~

Capt Howland was last Winter Senegal in a Brig from Boston he tells me his Objects weve for Gum to carry to England but the French would not Suffer him to Load it perhaps it may be taken under pretence to bring to America it as said to be a great profit in England Capt Howland informed me amercan produce was then very plenty on that Coast Our Researches will doubtless give us more information on the subject ~ The Necessary engagements that often attend me besides my usual Commercial buisness haveing induceded a desire to stand so circum= stanced that the latter may not too much interfere with the former I have formd a Connecton in trade with my late pupil Mr Barker, and in future our buisiness will be transacted under the firm of Wm Veitch jun & Co ~ And as we expect a Cargo of Hemp & Iron from the Baltic we shall

be glad of your information on the state of your mar 69
ket for those Articles that should ours arrive before the
price of Hemp is much reduced it is probable we shall
be glad to send you some—this you will please to
in mind & as my young Farmer during my absence
will stand in need of advice therein I shall be much
Obliged by yours communicating yours to the House
our respective Signatures will be added at foot
I wish you to send me 5 quires best Demi paper
for a Ledger & 5 quires best paper for a Journal
Please send me 500 best quils

To David Anthony 9mo 9 1796

I have rec'd thy favour of 7 & 12 last month
I wish thee to omit procuring the Steelyards as I agree
in judgment with the that they will be very unhandy, the
Acc't Sales are rec'd & they amount to thy debit—
By Howland I have Ship'd thee 50 boxes of candles as p invoice
inclosed— On first of next month I shall have $500
Dollars more to pay at the providence Bank if thou should not
there be provided on my Acc't & has a prospect of being in Cash
30 or 60 Days after I wish thee to have a discount made thro
some of my friends if Necessary until thou can pay it—
Or if that should not be convenient & thou art in Cash
for Wm Rotch & Sons more than will pay my fathers last in-
stallment $500 also please to pay it & send them Order in
me for the money which will be fully to them agreeable
to them— I am thus particular at this time as I am
soon expecting to leave home with some friends of our
quaterly meeting for Nova Scotia—

70 Having recently taken Abraham Barker in to part=
nership with me in Trade our business will in fu=
ture be conducted under the Firm of Wm Rotch jun.
& Co — to whose applications please attend in al ma=
ters respectfully my self I am &c.

To Edmund Prior 8 mo 10 1796

Thy favour of 15th came duly to hand and
excited my affectionate Sympathy for thy late extream affliction from which
I hope thou art now fully relieved: — I am much obliged
by thy care in forwarding the Hat which has reached me
in good season — I have closed the sale of thy small
Consignment of Beef & Pork & intend forwarding the Sales
together with Lam= Ward & Brothers Acct which has been
neglected from some small difference between theirs & mine
Which I believe is now write & I wish thee to pay them the
ballance — Please inform me on what terms thou can
send me About 20 bls Pork & 30 bls Beef in all next month

From the many calls upon me besides Commercial busi=
ness I have thought it most prudent to put myself in
a Situation whereby my business might not so much
intefere with my more important duties as I fear
has sometimes been the case Wherefore I have taken my
late pupil Abm Barker into business with me & our
business will in future be move under the firm of
Wm Rotch jun & Co this circumstance makes it more
desirable to have all my old accounts closed & as soon

as they Cannot furnish mine I shall be very glad
please to send me 20 bbl Park. 15 Bbl Beef both primed 20 bbl Com. Flour Prof. Cumb.

To Hicks & Doughty. 8 mo 20 96

I duly rec. your obliging favour of
7 mo 8 inclosing Thad. Mayhews Draft upon his father
for $300 which is paid — & to the Cr of A & H

Having formed a Conection in trade with our mutual
friend Am. Barker our buisness will in future be transacted
under the firm of Wm. Ketch jun & Co. this Circumstance
makes it more desirable to have my Account Current
forwarded — We expect a Cargo of Hemp & iron from
the Baltic & shall want to find a market for some of the
Hemp which has been of late well sold a New York
I shall be obliged by your keeping us advised of the prices
of both those Articles at your Market as we shall be glad
to send you some hemp if the price hold up — Whenever
there is any market for Strain'd oil please advis us thereof

As soon as we procure some soft Iron Our Furnace
will cast Hallow ware & haveing only the common
Cook pots patterns of our Country we are desirous of Haveing
some patterns from New York to cast from of the thinest
pots they make these I suppose are not easily procured
but if you can make interest enough to Obtain one
set of the several Sizes that are of their kind from 8 Gallons
downwards I shall be much Obliged I am &c. Wm. Ketch jun & Co

8 mo 11. 1796.

To Joseph Thebaud

Thine of 3rd I have rec.d & after I wrote thee recollected I had neglected to inform thee there was no copper boiler here but what belongs to Ships now fitting which information I sent to Capt. Mc Kenzie, to said Capt. I have deliv.d the Lines Pots & now send him the Irons, Lancets & 3 Spades (wh.h he ordered) all of Bill inclosed amounting to $131. 29/100

The Lines are advanced since I agreed for them & are not now to be bought under 25 Cents +

As my brothers Robman goes to Frankford the last of this month I have given him a bill on thee for the amount, at 10 days sight, which if convenient thou will please to honour —

Having taken my late Apprentice Abr.m Barker into partnership with me, our business moves under the firm of W.m Rotch Jun.r & Co. & in their behalf I tender thee their services when ever thou will please to command them —

I am Thine &c

8 mo 13. 96

To W.m Hammatt

Inclosed thou has a memorandum of Cordage, which should be obliged by thy forwarding by course of the coming week, by Delight Packet (Parker) — also if thou will supply us with two Tons more to complete the Eight tons, on the same terms if thou can ~~will~~ will give an immediate answer thy information by first conveyance will oblige Friends

To Mark Coffin 8 mo 15 96 W R Jun.r & Co.

I duly rec.d thine of 8 ins.t & have in reply to say I Hussey sold his bills to S & H taking their Notes $2900 in 30 days $2900 in 60 & $2911 in 90

days all ~~which~~ which I believe were dated 9 mo 14
& are lodged in the Bank for collection ~ Isaiah has Anti=
cipated by drafts on me for the first note, & much
on the second but of that $2000. I believe will be left
which thou may have a Check for in 30 days ~ & the
remainder of the £ 000 when the third note falls
due ~ My late pupil Atw Barker being now my
partner in trade our Business moves under the
firm of Wm Rotch jun & to to whome thou will
please to apply & attention tho in my absence
will be paid theirto Farm &c.

To Peter Roe Dalton 9 mo 15 96

Thou an Error in my Calculation I find
I have drawn upon the Bank for more than I had to my
Credit ~ which was not my intention but a I hope the
first note of Salisbury & Riggensan's is paid thou will please
to debit me the discount on the money advanced & accept
my thanks for the payment of my Checks which I know
were a little out of order but I hope to take more care
hereafter ~ & Having Engaged a partner in trade
my late apprentice Atw Barker our Business will in
future be transacted under the firm of Wm Rotch jun & to
and I shall be obliged when you close the Acct for the
preasent month your placeing the ballance to the
new house & previous thereto please to accept thier Checks
for my Acct as I am about Leaving home & my partner
will have occasion to draw upon the bank Farm &c

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To Joseph Tuley 8mo 17-96

I rec'd thine of with bill of one Ton of hemp part of which has come to hand & the Amt is to thy Cr as also $32 pd Dix & Haskins which I conseived was more than he ought to have charged me considering that a quater cask of wine was 5 inches out, & the Capt who brought it has assured me it was so when he recieved it — Add to this the quality was Inferior to the recommendation of Dr Haskins and I never intended to have complied with his demand & why he should of applied to thee when he knew where to find me I cant consieve — but haveing been taught by his transaction what Confidenence can be placed in recommendations of some men I submit to avoid contention & have no aversion to his knowing my sentiments — Having taken my late pupil Am Barker into partnership with me our business will in future move under the firm of Wm Hotch jun & Co to their applications I have to request thy attention equit as to my own & as I am like to be some weeks absent my partner will doubtless have occasion to draw upon thee for Cash so what may be due to me to whose drafts thou will please to give due honor — I hope thou will not omit the enquiry after Capt Grennell nor of advising us the prospect of hemp & Iron loath as to the quantities expected & also the price I am &c.

PS. please to forward when convenyance present one Role of thin Sheet Lead & place to acct of thy Friend WR 9:6

To Moses Seixas 8mo 17. 96

Having lately formed a connection in Trade with my friend & pupil Am Barker, our buisness will in future be Transacted under the firm of Wm Rotch jun & Co & as I am likely to be a few weeks absent whatever Drafts my partner may draw for the ballance due to me thou will oblige me thou will Oblige me in Accepting

Inclosed is my draft on Wm Ellery for $ 2990 52/100 which if the finds right for my ballance I wish him to accept it to pay when it will be convenient & when paid please to place it to the Credit of our new firm if he finds any error I wish him to pay what he due upon the order & hereafter I will endevour to adjust the buisness with him I am &c.

To Wm Ellery Esq 8mo 17. 96

I wrote thee on the by Capt Malbone & inclosed my Acct Current ballance of which is in my favour $ 2990 52/100 As I am on the point of leaving home for several weeks absence I have drawn a bill upon thee for that Amo in favour of Moses Seixas which I shall be glad thou Will accept payable when thou can make it convenient Having concluded a Copartnership with my friend Aaron Barker our buisness now moves under the firm of Wm Rotch jun & Co in thier behalf I take the liberty of offering their services when necessity may require I am &c.

76 To Samuel Sales Esq^r 9mo 24. 96

Hearing that thou art the Owner of a Rolling & Slitting Mill & Consequently in the practice of using a considerable quantity of bar Iron We take the Liberty of informing thee that we are hourly in Expectation of a Ship fr^m St Petersburg & by which we expect a considerable quantity of that Article with orther Rusia goods having recieved information of thier being Allready Purchased; should thou be in want or incline to Purchase we shall be happy to serve thee with almost any quantity thou may request & we hope it will come so low that we shall be able to furnish it in as good terms as thou can procure it fr^m any other quater — The Vessels with bricks fr^m Taunton are very frequently here by Whome We can ship the Iron to that place

your friends
Wm Rotch jun & C^o

To Francis Macy 10 mo 10 1796

Brothers De Bauque informs me they have requested thee to account with me for their full half of the sales of the Hudson and as I stand indebted to Mark Coffin about 2000 Dollars who also wants to accommodate Sam^l Coffin who has hitherto waited on my account if thou can accommadate Mark so that my debt may be concelled I shall be much obliged — Our said friends also request me to sell their third of the Iron but Limit me not to take less than £800 stg for it please to

inform me if either of the present owners wish to take her —

I have recently bought Moores ¼ of the Lydia for $500 $ta on comparison with that Ship I do not think they ask too much — thy early reply will oblige thy fr.d

To Wm Burroughs 10mo 13 96

My Mother Rodman informs me thou hast sent her word that thou can sell her house on the point for Eight hundred Dollars & as it seems he choice to dispose of it We allagree in advising of it but as it may suit Joseph Huntington to purchase it she wishes thee to speak to his father about it that if he will give as much as another & pay the money down for it he may have the preferrence ~ She wishes it not sold but for cash & leaves thee at Liberty after mature deliberation to sell it at that price if not more can be obtained ~ I wish the to consult our Mutual Friend David Buffum respecting the price as it was his Judgment last Winter that it would by this time fetch more ~ Mother Rodman desires the th Trammel lent Jos may be remembered not to belong to the house ~ Please inform us if there are any Quantity of green Coffee & the Terms

Iam &c.

To Edmund Prior 10 mo 22 1796

Thy Esteemed favour of 8 mo 27 came duly to hand in my absence sence my return I have been two much engaged to give that attention to thy Account which it deserves but hope now to have it closed in a short time ~ the state of it differs but little from my expectation but was unwilling to trouble thee with my drafts until it came to a close ~ I hope soon to recieve sales of the oil as it to even my closeing a company Concern ~

78 I am in want of several articles for a Whaleing outfit which hope it will be in thy way to furnish of which please inform me & suspend the shipping until thou hears again from our house. We are daily looking for a ship which will increase our wants for another outfit & both may make an object for us to send the Elora or some other Vessell to New York for the stores for both ships Please to send us by Wilbur 15 or 20 thousand of the best 32 inch Staves thou can procure 1 or 2 thousand of heading with them will be acceptable Fish & Maxfield wish to pay a draft they gave thee to send to us which has fallen due & which they suppose thou hast forgot — I am easy as to the 10 boxes not doubting thy doing wright in the matter Please send back the cases of Looking Glasses plates by Wilbur there now being a demand for them here — The invoice of Provissions by Hussey came safe to hand & are plased to thy credit on my books I am &c

Articles to be forwarded
20 bushels Pease
25 barrels flour
56 Cwt good ship Stuff or if not be had 50 Cwt Ship Bread

To Edward Forbes 10 mo 24 1796

I had the pleasure by our last post to recieve thy esteemed favours of 17 Aug & 1 Sept & inclosing an invoice of Linens &c. Amo. £62.5.6 which are arrived in Boston — And I am obliged by thy honouring the draft for £300 & also for the information given me relative to the oil market The price for Whale oil will promise some advantage but the price thou mentions

4/4 will not purchace sperm^{ti} in this cou^{n}try however as your supply must go from America (it being upwards of £80 in London) I doubt not it will rise with you to a price that will comport with our market which must be at Least 5/6 to make it an object for shipping

I have lately taken my fr^{d} Thom Barker of this town into partnership with me & our busness in future move under the firm of W Rotch jun^{r} & C^{o} to thier debit please to transfer the small ballance of 4/1 due for me

We are daily expecting a ship from the Fishery should she arrive in season it is our intention of sending thee a small Cargo of both Sperm^{ti} & Whale perhaps from 75 to 100 Tons as we may send a Vessel — We doubt Collecting much seed perhaps we may pick up a little in which case attention will be paid to thy recommendation

Sam^{l} &c

To Thomas Dickason & C^{o} 10 mo 25 1796

Since closeing my letter yesterday I have purchased a small bill of yesterdays date at 30 days David Grieve's upon Philip Sanson for £99.18.2 stg which please to recieve & place to my credit — as that sum is supposed ballance of Acct should there not be so much due please to accept payment for the ballance & inform me the amount recieved when DG will settle the matter with me Sam^{l} &c.

~~To David Curtis Jun^{r} 10 mo 25 1796~~

To Thomas Dickason & C^{o} 10 mo 25 1796

Observing Thomson Peters & C^{o} drafts have been drawn payable 3 mo^{s} after date & hope you have found it convenient to pay them on Short sight, allowing a discount so far as you were in cash for my Acct Sam^{l} &c.

80 To John Brown 11 mo 2 1796

I duly recieved thy favour of 20 Ult^o and hope by this time thou has fully assertained whether payment has been made to C & J Hadden & Co and is not as the fall ships are near sailing I am very desirous of closeing the buisness presuming on the reluctance of thier remaining unpaid not only the interest up to the close of the year or at such time as remittances may meet them but also the expences that have occured I have stated them as below Amounting to ~~£9~~ £185.14.1 to be remitted them & 43/4 postage & Com^s that of commission I will freely relinquish if thou will send me a sterling bill for what is due them as the trouble & expence I must be at to procure one at this time will be double that amount & as exchange I suppose is now above par. It will be just to pay me (if thou ~~does~~ not send the bill) what is the customary premium ~ But I hope thou will procure me a bill that I may have no trouble about it & I shall be obliged by thy early attention thereto that the buisness if not already settled may be no longer delayed ~

As it may throw some light to you on the subject I will note that they have sent me a copy of a letter from B & F dated dec^r 28 1792 wherein payment was proposed the following Summer also copies of thier letters to B & F dated 27 Feb^y & 6 Aug^t 1794 which if recieved must have preserved knowledge of the transactions of a recent date

I suggest to thee the propriety of alowing them for the expence they have been at in preparing thier Document occasioned by the delay which must have been several Guineas This I shall submit to thy candour I am &c.

Principle & Int^t to 7 mo 1^st 1796	49 £179.6.6
6 mo^s Int to 1 mo^l 1797 . 5 p^r cent	4.9.8
	183.16.2
Commission 1 p^r Cent . £1.17.1	
paid portage from Barton & Providence $1.32	2.3.11
will yet accrue . £ 20	1.52.6.10
	£186.18.

I have now the pleasure of informing you that I have duly recieved your obleging favors of the folowing dates in course Viz^t 1 & 26^th May. 3^d 6^th 17^th & 27^th June & 1 & 7^th July & am pleased to find that my busines has been acceptable to you And also that I have reason to believe no attention has been wanting on your part to serve my Interest which increases my desire that the prospect of advantage may encourage a continuation of your intercourse But on this oubject it may here be proper for me to add that having last summer formed a Connection in trade with my friend Abraham Bayard our busines will in future be transacted under the firm of Jn^o Rotch Jun^r & C^o who will convey to you thier thoughts on future busines which leaves me only to make the Necessary observations upon the late transactions

I feel much obliged by your several Communications relative to the situation of your Commerce my ignorance wherein has prevented my makeing more early provission which in the late Cargo would probably have saved me several hundred pounds Capt^n Grinnell safely arrived on the 15 ult^o after a very long Passage and has delivered his Cargo agreeable to bill of Lading in very good order except a few peices of Sail Cloth a little damniaged. And the qualitities of the Hemp and Linnen are much to my mind, the prices only are so high as not to prove a very fortunate adventure, but yet I have reason to believe Russia Goods will advance towards spring, which has determind me not to sell at the present low prices, My Hemp has cost me 20 ₰ Ton more than the New Hemp has actually sold for last Week in Boston I am glad you finally concluded to send me no more of that article than to fulfil the Charter, my observation to you relative to filling the Ship with Hemp was founded on the expectation that a Vessell would be taken up by the run & not by the Ton Freight in that case it became Necessary to provide that she should be filled up

82 I consider it fortunate that you were able to procure the 150 Tons of Iron before it had greatly advanced and also obliging in you to add 30 Tons more when you could of taken an advanced price for it That article at present has been sold so low as to bear but a very small profit but from your representation of the scarcity for next year's market I am not solicitous to sell at present & hope to make a profit upon it worth the delay in the sale ~

I am glad to find my credit has been so well supported by the regular payments of your drafts on my account most of the money had lain 12 months in the hands of T. Dickason & Co & as I drew no Interest from them I should of been glad of some advantage in the exchange from the bills having been drawn at shorter sight, but as the like may not happen again you must proceed according to your common usance ~

Parish & Co inform that they have paid your drafts & that thereby the busness is terminated as it respected the remittance I made them but T D C inform me they have drawn £18.3.8 on them for deficiency thereupon ~ the sum I sent them was a bill upon themselves for £1000 by the exchange they say was 33/3 which after deducting their Commission & postage M B° 68.12 left for your drafts B° 1200. As I have not yet learned your mode of estemating Exchange with Hamburg I am yet at a loss to know if they have done right of which however I have no doubt but shall be obliged by information from you how you calculate it, what the exchange of 25/4 means

The object I had in view in desiring some of your large Geese is not suffcient to give you any trouble about them should any future conveyance offer directly to this place and you can with ease procure them I shall then be obliged by them as I now am by your endeavours to procure them by Grennell ~ I fear you were imposed on in the purchase of the Feathers as they are not so good as I expected. but will sell to good profit I was in hopes they would prove good Geese feathers I think you did well in not purchasing the Calf Skin

at the advanced price as I do not think they would have done ~ Capt Grennell bought a few Curried Skins which do not turn out to his expectation ~

I hope your endeavours will be successful in procureing the good Hemp Seed by another Year ~ I am astonished at the great advance on Iron as I suppose your exports have not exceeded former demands and cannot but hope by takeing some advantage in the purchase it may be obtained on better terms ~ The duties & expences with your Commission upon the Goods of your Cōntry exceed my expectation. but I have no doubt but you have done by me as by all others and have charged no more than is a common custom with you ~ with which I am satisfied ~ and may also add that your Conduct in this transaction has given me full satisfaction ~ Referring you to what I shall write in the name of our new Firm I conclude. I am &c.

To R L Marguere 11 mo 17 96

Since my last I have had the pleasure of recieving a letter from our Friend Le Prestre without date & one from thy Wife dated July 24th and it was satisfactory to hear you were all at that time in health but was sorry to find thy Wife has been so much out of health since she left this Country ~ All our particular families are in general health & my aged Mother in law tho feeble is much as when thy wife left us ~ since which my father & mother haveing retuned from England are setled near us and enjoy good health ~

Friend Le Prestre was desirous of gaining some information from St Domingo the most correct account I have had has been from a Young man John Minoset who haveing resided here several Years has 2 or 3 times been back to his neighbourhood some where in the bite of Leogan and he tells me Order is generally restored that the Negroes tho free are limited to the

84 plantations to which they ~~genera~~ formerly belonged &
agents are appointed for the Absent Proprietors who provide
food & Clothing for the Negros at there own expence & account
with them for the one third of the produce — the residue after
paying the agent goes to the publick Treasury for the Proprietors
if he is a good patriot - he says the Negros are well contented &
say if there masters were to return they would work more
Industrously for them — I understand thier general regula-
tions are favourable to the blacks & that provision is to be
made to educate the Children but they are not in a situation
to put that order into practice — as far as I can learn all
persons who have not active part against the new Govern-
ment are alowed to returen & remain peaceable Citizens —
I fear a new order of the French Executive Directory to
treat neutral Ships as they suffer the English to treat them
Will bring on some unpleasent dispute with the United
States but I cannot but hope peace will be restored this Winter
altho the Spaniards are just joining France against England
May that desirable event of peace be speedily granted
I am pleased to find thy prospects in busness with those
of Jno Le Pretre promises advantage but not wishing my debt
should be paid until your situation will easily admit —
I have no doubt Inclination & honour will prompt you
to it when You find yourselves able to do it — a small
part stands due to the Widow of Capt West which I wish
may be the first paid & either Cotton or Tobacco will do well
whenever you wish to send any either to her or myself — My friend
David Brownell is now going to spend the winter at Savannah
and he will take care of any produce you may wish to send
me With love from Brother & Sister Sam & c.

To Mark Coffin 11 mo 17 96

Thine of 12 Inst. on first day evening
and the packets Sailing before morning did not allow time
to write thee and I am sorry that I am so circumstanced
with respect to money as not to be able to send thee the £or 500

Dollars thou art in want of, bills but haveing to pay off Robert 25
Macy's bills for repairs of his Ship without being able to sell
his drafts at this time creates a demand for more money than we
can command at this very scarse time. If thou can make a draft
of £ or 500 $ answer for thee at 40 days sight on Philadelphia
I will endevour to accommodate thee - We have several thous-
and Dollars now due but cannot depend upon 500 of it. as the
scarsity seems generall complained of Cousin Francis Macy
haveing directions from De Bauguei to pay what money he has
of theirs he has, giveing me a draft on thee for three thousand
Dollars dated 26 Ultimo - the draft I now inclose to thee have-
ing placed it to thy debit this day & Credited thee two months
Interest on the ballance of thy Acct $ Cent $ which leaves
$ due me on the draft that sum with thy consent I will dis-
count with Josiah - and will do the best I can towards thy
accommadation with the remainder but without make-
ing any further advances, our Accounts are about upon a ballance

To Edmund Prior 11 mo 19 1796 Sam & C.

I duly recieved thy obliged favour
of 4th inst and shall duly attend to thy several requests - the
Invoice of Looking Glasses I think will not sell
here as the few plates we have come will be perhaps
twelve months supply - The Staves tho very high
are acceptable & when I recieve thy bill will credit it
I did not find the Acct against Bradley & French
I expect to be in Boston the middle of next month
and if I have the Acct will endevour to serve thee
I wish thee to provide good Ship Bread for my
former order 50 Cwt & the Flour & Beans to come by
the Elvira Capt Kempton to sail next week (if not
already shipd) and also provide for me another Ship
50 Cwt more 200 lbs Flour when thou thinks it ~~most~~

80 will be most for our Interest to purchase it & We shall also want 20 barrels of Pork and 80 barrels very good beef the quality of both thou will please to attend to & perhaps when Kempton goes we shall want more I am pleased to find the prospect of these ~~goods~~ articles lowering in price please also to be particular that the Flour be new I am &c.

To Shubael Coffin 12 mo 2 1796

The inclosed letter I rec'd yesterday inclosed by Brother De Bägne with the necessary papers relative to a settlement with thee - on the subject they seem much dissatisfied and I wish to find thee willing to close the busness either by ourselves or by reference (either of which I am empowered to do) without putting either of us to much trouble - I am &c.

To John Hadden & Co 12 mo 17 1796

I duly recieved your favour of 1 July and most chearfully attended to your request by writing to John Brown of Providence upon your business who has since wrote me several letters expressing his ~~surp~~ surprise & ignorance that your demand still stood against the late house of Brown & Francis in the course of this negociation Francis has deceased who having been Browns dependence for the transactions of the compting house was too ill to give any light on the subject my repeated letters at length drew from him an order on Samuel Blagge of this town for the principle & 3½ years interest say £183.17.9 payable 28 of the present month but such is the tardy character of the drawer he would not except the draft but on condetions he should be provided with funds which he says he is not - this circumstance has induced me to accept of the only alternative to effect a present accommodation of the business while I was in Town which was to take

S Y Blagges draft on Thomas Dickason & Co. London at 60 days for
the above sum the first bill of which I now Inclose drawn in your
favour Could I have relied on the hayment from Brown's order
I could have purchased a bill at 4 p.c. cent discount which I should
have been very glad to have obtained that you might been com=
pensated for delay of interest before you will be in Cash from the
overrittance & the expence you have been at that will now attend
you — all there things I stated to him as a rightful demand
together with a Commission from myself hopeing his Chagrin for
so long a delay would induce him to hay it but not finding that
generosity in him I wished I fel two much ashamed for my country
man to charge you any commission for my trouble for which you
are intirely welcome — Willing at all times to render you any
service in my power I am &c.

To Joseph Taylor 1 mo 6

I saw a Capt Delano of Roches=
ter yesterday who tells me he left Nantucket this
day week that about a week before the ship Lydia
Capt Fitch arrived from Delago Bay in the Sound a
Packet went to her with a pilot and supply of
provisions the day following she was observed beating
to windard thro the Sound for this place with the wind
at N W. anchoring when the tide made to the Eastward
a little to the eastward of Tuckamuck Shoal a little before
Sunset Delano says the tide turning in favour she got
under Sail to work to the westward and as a heavy wind
came on that night to W N W it was conjectured she
was driven to sea again by Nantucket Light house bout
to the Eastward, Since that we have been so shut up
with ice no Vessels have passed our Bay & River by the

88 by the report of a vessel from Boston to Dartmouth
it appears no such ship was in the sound last
week but on the 2 instant I hear from Woods hole a ship
was laying in Holmes and another entering the sound
one of which I hope may prove the Lydia we have
no other perticulars of her other than she had 1200
barrels of sperm & Whale Oil. Under these circumstances
considering that I have so much property a risque
in ship & Cargo as owner of 7/16 I am desirous of
makeing further insurance upon the ship ~~& Cargo~~
appertinances untill her arrival at this port provided
thou can have it effected at 1½ or 2 pr Cent please to
have $3000 covered by good hands — Capt Silas Parker
one of the best pilots in our vicinity and the Whale-
ing crew consisting of 16 men Before thou has
the insurance done please to inquire of Jr Russell
whether he has no account of the Lidia at holmes
hole as it is probable he may have heard what
ship was there I am &c.

To John Brown 1 mo 12 1797

I recieved thy letter with an
Order on Sam[l] Blagge for $821 payable 28th and being
last month previous to that time in Boston I presented the
order which he declined accepting but on conditions he should
be provided by the time with funds wishing to finish the
business while in Town I accepted his offer of a bill of Exchange
on London drawn by himself at par when with the money
I could have purchased at ¼ pr Cent discount and sent the

bill to Hadden & Co. by a ship that sailed on the 20th the bill was drawn on Dickasons house & T Dickason Jur told me he knew of his having had funds in there hands & had no doubt the bill would be honoured — The late unpleasent ~~situation~~ report of Blagges situation makes me concerned least the bill should not be honoured and if thou has not accounted with him therefor I shall be grately obliged by thy endevours to secure the property untill I hear of its fate I am &c.

To David Howell

1 mo 12 1797

I now inclose thee Wm Tylers note of hand dated Providence 3 mo 10 1795 for £29.15.2 with interest estemated to 3 mo 10 1797 makes principle & interest $101.10 which I request thou will put in suit in order to have the amount secured as soon as payable as I concieve delay will increase the doubtfulness of the Debt

I am &c.

New Bedford

~~To Howell~~

Wm Little

Agreeable to thy ~~request~~ we

1 mo 23. 1797

To Joseph Taylor

I wrote thee from Newport where I saw Capt Arnold who spoke Ship Lydia 31st Ult. in Lat 32. 45 bound to West Indies since my return I have found a letter from Capt Fitch who mentions he had lost both Anchors & his best bower Cable, he carried away with him a third Anchar —

I have likewise rec'd thine of 17th advising thy insurance I desired was effected at 2½ which I wrote thee I had no doubt the Sepil was then safe in port & our writers here offerd to insure for three ½ but I did not think the risk greater than from the Southern Ports.

They were short of Provisions, but supposed they had

enough to carry them into the West Indies. the people were much frozen but were recovering

I shall be obliged by thy information at what premium Insurance can be made upon the Cargo of that Ship from 31st Ult. to West Indies & back to New Bedford – the Capt did not expect to stay more than 10 days at St. Thomas – Inclosed is my ~~Check~~ Note for $60 for an Insurance and our Check for $1.10/100 for Policy & Postage of a letter from Newport –

Please to send me the Policy by next mail – Farewell

To Francis Macy 1 mo 25 1797

I have felt myself seriously affected at the late dispensation of Providence to the ~~&~~ family which I know must have been a very close trial to thy affectionat Heart and I have hoped it would be a tender monitor to many of us who are permitted to survive thy amiable partner a little longer to whom this event proclaims aloud "be ye also ready" – And when we seriously consider how little the events of this life are to us when compared to that and a future exsistance in the realms of Immortality how ought we to seize the present moment and let it be our chiefest concern to know a perfect union formed in us of the divine nature whereunto we are most assuredly called and whereby we shall have a wellgrounded hope of a happy immortality the advantage of which ought to raise in our mind an emulation sufficient to counteract all the trifling inconsiderable crosses buffitings or shame that this delusive world can possibly

impose upon us — may I with thee be favoured to lay
these serious considerations to heart and indevour to know
our minds reconsiled to every alotment of our allwise
unerring Providence — I have been attentive to thy
buisness committed to my trust and by Pinkham Abm
tells me he sent thee $500 since that time Allen
Shepherd has not been able to collect any more money
but has furnished us with 2 bills on New York $500
each which we have sold & have the money ready
to send thee but I do not think the present
opportunity a prudent one to send it by as it must
go on the ice here & uncertain if they can get into
the harbour which act of prudence I hope will meet
thy approbation Allen has also given us a draft of
Thomas Harvard Jun on Isaac Hicks for $489 67/100 which I
cannot at present sell & thought best to send thee
The Eliza not having arrived Allen is yet here but
going to New York as soon as he can and will furnish
drafts as I can sell them or perhaps bring the money
with him — With Love I am &c.
Wm Rotch Junr

To Edmund Prior 2 mo 1 - 1797

Since my last I have paid some
attention to two requests contained in thine 11 mo h being in
Boston in the 12 mo last I saw Henry Coats by whome I
learned he had quited his buisness at Roxbury thro embar-
rasments he says occasioned by his Brother having drawn
upon him which bills he not being able to pay he was
attatched and gave up all he had & that was not enough
to satisfy his Creditors he is now a Clerk to David Jack
Tobacconist in Boston the Bill I therefore return

92 he says it belongs to his brother to pay & that he
hears that he is now in Buisness in London — I also found
Finch a fellow Boarder with me & applied to him on
thy Acct who says his partner Bradley took upon himself
the settlement of their Debts and that he is now
in circumstances to do it & now resides in Philadelphia
Finch I find has run out in Boston and does little or
no buisness he boarded at Catharine Grays State Street and
if his account to me is not right I advise thy seeking
thy remidy against him as soon as may be at least by
imploying some person to look into his circumstances
& if any thing is likely to be obtained to see him if
I can be of use it will afford me pleasure to serve thee

I have at last completed thy account current
which I hope may prove right When I wrote thee that
it corresponded with my ideas I did not observe thy fig-
gures with a pensil for taking them for basis I suppose
led thee to think thee was more indebted to me than
I had any thought of thou may observe thou omited charging
me 50 Barrels of Flour purchased for Brig Polly & ship-
=ped me by Grennell the Charge of £52.11.5d Charles Russell
order have taken pains to investigate And find Russell drew
it on Acct of Humphry Hathway who has produced
his rect from the wherein it is charged to him & settle
M Jennie has not yet paid the $25 tho he promises but I have
credited thee therefor but advise thee not to oblige him
again in that way as there is no dependance upon him

The ballance due me on our Acct is now transferred to thy
Cr with Wm Rotch Junr & Co who crediting thy three last
invoices are now much in thy debt, and are makeing
arrangments to discharge the same

The flour has proved very bad wholly unsaleble
that we shall be obliged to take it up into ship

bread impositions in that article are very common 3
My partner thinks thou has omitted the Invoice of
Staves by Wilbur mentioned to be sent in thine of
13 of 12 mo I was not at home on its arrival if thou
will send we will enter it ~ I am greatly obliged
by thy barrell of nuts but am ashamed of thy repea-
ted kindnesses & my own neglect I am &c.

To George & Thomson Phillips. 2 mo 6 97

In the year 1793 I had a policy
of assurance filled in Boston in the Office of Edward Davis
for Acct of Capt Obed Fitch Master of Ship Penn on a Whale
Voyage from Dunkirk dated Dec 6 premium 12½ pr Cent
which Ship was Captured and the policy Contains a Certificate
from E Davis as follows Boston Dec 17- 1796 I hereby certify
there is due from Messrs George & Thomson Phillips on his
policy one hundred pounds proof of the loss being regularly
made on the 23 of august 1794 ~ Yours is all that remains
unpaid except from Russell Hubbard which I suppose
will by his failure be lost ~ I waited in expectation that
Davis would have collected the loss but tired with his delay
I have taken the policy and wish you would accommodate
the payment as soon as may be

The sum Insured due 11 mo. 23. 1794	£100	
Less premium	12 ~ 10	
	87 ~ 10	
Two years & 3 mo Interest to 23 this Month	11 ~ 16.3	
Dollars 331 4/100	£ 99 ~ 6.3	

Should it be more convenient for you to rem it me the
amount in Prime Beef Pork or Indian Corn &
Rye please inform me your terms and when you will
deliver it at Middletown or here ~ wishing to hear soon
from you I am &c.

94 To James Tisdale New Bedford 2 mo 20 97

By last post I recieved a letter from my friends & relations Samuel & Miers Fisher of Phila inclosing an order on thee for the proceed of Sugars consigned thee by Wm Ferrand of Swansborough No Carolina under date 10 mo 4 1795 which Ferrand had requested thee to account with them for — I shall be obliged by thy information of the state of this buisness as soon as may be and if the money may be drawn for as I have an opperunity of drawing upon them for money now due to me

I am &c

To Jos Taylor New Bedford 2 mo 20 97

Since I wrote thee last I have recieved thy letter covering the policy upon the Lydia we have certain account of her arrival at Antegua but can gain no perticulars save a report that havering found some defect in her main mast they were securing it and expected to make it sufficient to return home Wm Rotch Sons having wrote to James Andrews to have some insurance done on that Ship for thier Acct I suppose it has been done in Brooks office if thou can have $2000 Insured upon her Cargo from Antegua against all risks at the premium given by them I wish thee to do it — I daily expect her in — Thou will please to attend to have only such names as thou can rely upon

I am &c

To Benj Roteh New Bedford 3 mo 1 97

I think it was by Turner in the Minerva that I wrote thee pretty fully in Answer to thine of 8 mo 6 since that time I have rec'd one letter but nothing relative to the Manufacturing plan which has appeared to me an object of magnitude and well deserveng attention but finding myself surrounded by so many cares I dare not engage fur-

=ther in such objects as must require much care & attention
therefore proposed to the ajuntion in that of the rolling & Slitting
buisness provided thow continued of the mind to embark therein
and should be willing to make it thy own buisness I have no doubt
of its being Lucrative & that it will probably employ as much Capi=
tol as we shall both wish to embark therein — The Manufacturing
of Iron & Hemp will advantagiously employ a ship in the
Rupsia Trade which will also make a conveyance for the bil of
our Fishery to market and thereby I think a good Ship of 300 tons
may be employed, and I beliive the time is not far that one may
be purchased on good terms — I have never heard from Robert Rober
since I wrote to thee & him, but I hope it will be in thy power
to see how we can establish the buisness under a good inginere —
Thy aquaintance with Robert Hoodland has doubtless given thee
frequent opportunities of Viewing his rolling mill in London where I under=
stand he rolls from scrap & Bar Iron of all sizes a particular plan
of that machinery I concieve will be very usefull — bar Iron is
now with us $100 While Hoops rolled are not less than $160 thou may
redily concieve that $50 p Ton is an amazing profit & I doubt not
haveing the advantage of thy knowledge we may make a great
profit & undersell the present workmen — there will be no
difficulty in getting Rolls here althe I have heard the workmen
complain of there not doing so well as those used in England
but if thou cannot procure them it need not discourage thee
The Rolling bolt Iron I concieve will be very advantagious we
have a tilt Hammer at the Head of the River where much ship
work is done and they charged for the Barclay 9 l 10 C.t for drawing
bolts from square Iron the price has since advanced and in the
London mode I concieve with ~~scraps~~ scrap Iron and the Bog Ore
of our Country mixed with it the buisness may be done very
profitably — thou will please remember thy promice on the
Treatice on Bog Ores — I am now patronireing David Grieve in
his spining & weaving buisness the machinry for which he is at
work with a skillfull artist and he finds the machenery can
be as easily made here as in England he has one frame with
12 spindels almost ready to spin Flax & Hemp and I think
it probable we shall adapt it to spining twine Codlines
and perhaps towlines — The poor Lydia has arrived safe after
a disastorous Voyage, in 23 day from Antigua 7 days since

She was driven out of the sound between Nantucket Light house Shoal with Silas Parker on board on the morning of 25 of 12 mo. with the loss of both Anchors and went of to the West Indias with the allowance of a cake of bread and ½ to beef pr day they were at about $1700 Expence in the West Indias and her masts & bowsprit are both condemned that she must have very large repairs – we hope she has 600 bl. Sperm & 400 Whale at 170 of the Whale they sold in the West Indias at about 40 to pr Ton Tno the winter has been extream Cold & Stormy which has driven many Vessels of the Coast we hear of 200 ~~Sail~~ Sail and great has been the suffering of the poor Sailors —

Thou hast doubtless been informed that the house of W R J. dissolved with the last year JR will take the Diana & Maria &. I propose to take the Lydia to Acc. W R Jr & Co and after she is registered sell the one half and reserve the other for ourselves of this hope thou will approve – we are now tired of the East Sea. Fitch having found 5 days in every week too rugged to do any thing with Whale the whole season he has Killed 50 Sperm & saved but 37 – The Barclay had ~~only~~ only about 100 bl. Sperm & 700 Whale & is gone to the Brazils

I regret she did not go to the Pacific Ocean where I intend sending the Lydia & Fitch I hope in two months I think my plan good to reach round the Cape by first of 10 mo take the Whole season in the Latitude from 26 to 36 then redouble the Cape & return by the Brazail or Woolwich Bay as her Neccesity may be Head matter is £100 Sh £66 & Whale 26 — D Grieve stands indebted to Cousin J Starbuck £6.14.4 Sts which requests thou will pay & charge to my Acc & he will pay it to me — I want to write thee much more but my engagements must occasion a Delay at this time – I hope we may see thee out the season approaching — I sent the Epistle to J Phillips by Ds Cam & Jc. Turner & duplicate in a letter to d Father

To Peter Roe Dalton 3 mo 13 97

Inclosed is a Check fm the United States bank in our favour on thee Dated Feb 28 for $500 which please to pass to our credit — Our WR fs brother in Law Thomas Hazard fs having also received a Check for $2072-4 and being on a Visit to his parents in Narraganset we have by his Wife request endorsed it which please to pass also to our credit and if necessary we will procure a letter from him confirming the same — Or if this mode is inadmissable we must beg the favour of thee to return it by post as he ~~beeny~~ have in all this week — please to have our Account settled on our book and we shall request Wm Macy to call for the book if he does not please to return it by post this week —

We are &c —

To W Macy 3 mo 13

Wt sent Check destroyed I take the liberty to request thow will bring for me $ 1000 in Gold from the Branch Bank, and also call for the my bank Book - inclosed is our Check for the sum by Capt Crocker I have sent Checks from Philadelphia for $2500 - under cover to the Cashier with my book - that must be delivered before I shall have the money to draw — I am &c the Ruby Myrick has arrived to Old Town —

To Moses Brown 3 mo 15

I am much obliged by thy friendly offers of assistance to procure a discount for me at the Bank which I stand in much need of at this time from the scarcity of money with those on whome I have demand, and as thou hast the

98 negation of some for my father to be remitted to the bank at Newport I shall be glad of 200 Dollars to be sent with his and put to his credit for Which I inclose thee my Note without date which thou will please to fill up I hope in one month to be able to replace it but if much disappointed it may be two

Farm &c.

To Moses Brown New Bedford 9mo 21

My brother J Harard Junr

communicated to me thy brother John's Letter of the 14th which I have read and duly considered the several parts which he recommended to my attention, but so far are his threats or arguments from discouraging my persuit after the extinction of the cruel Slave Trade that it has the same effect upon my spirits that he says he fears the prosecution will have upon him making me feel more Zealous in the business from a persuasion that from his experiance & judgment he has collected all the outlines of a defence that can be set up against the opposers of the Trade — Far be it from me to feel a pleasure in contributing to the calamitys of the merchants or to show any partiality to those who have laid themselves obnoxious to the Law against bringing Slaves from Africa but I have ever considered John in a different point of light from all others haveing been convinced that his object was less that of gain or a preference to that trade than a determined resolution in the strength of his own power to defeat the Law against it — and my mind feels too much relieved from a weight of consious inattention to that business since the prosecution was begun to concent or even think of any abatement —

As J B's observation upon the ejections used in procuring & the inacting the prohibitary Law and have only to say that I verily believe it was the Lords doings in making way therefor, and I doubt the Slave Traders having it in there power to influence any power Superiar to his to obtain a repeal thereof that Idea together with that of a support of the law being indanger of promoting popular commotions appears equally absurd and for a man of J B's understanding can only be accounted for by one on reccollecting the drunken man in the fable who fancied every man staggard that he saw in motion so far am I from believing that the number of those who abet the african Slave Trade are so great as John intimates that I verily believe if he was to find the minds of the people individually from the State of Maryland to Papamaquady he would not find 1 to a 1000 whose minds would not shudder at the horrid thought — as to any illegality in procuring evidences I know not that any has taken place if it has I presume if J B could look at the object impartially he would allow it much more tolerable to stretch the law in convicting a creminal than it would be in that creminal to violate the same rights of his fellow creatures so far as to force them from there native country into perpetual slavery even though it may be to the humaine Spaniard

I am at a loss to conjecture what caracter John would expect us to form of him from the outlines he has given thee of his professions of humanity, and of his Ideas of care & compassion in transporting those unhappy people where we know in what manner they are treated, during their imprisionment in Chains and handcuffs while they are on Shipboard. And the arguments he uses in justification of the trade are too stale, & have been too often rejected, to suffer my patience to dwell upon them —

I feel much sympathy towards thee on this trying occasion, as I know the situation of thy brothers mind on this subject must be affecting to thee,

100 but as we know thy situation is too delicate as it respects him to expect any interference of thine in the business. I sincerely hope thy brotherly advice to him may have such an effect as to induce him to view his conduct in its true light and that thereby he may witness a redemption from this evil before his greyhairs are brought to the Grave to which by the Course of Nature, he must be hastily advancing — I leave thee at liberty to communicate to thy brother such parts of this letter as thy prudence may dictate, being conscious in myself that I owe him no evil, but most sincerely wish his present & eternal felicity — Should thou find the application I troubled thee with last week any way impeded, by my being considered embarked in this Cause, I shall take it as a favour thou would sell my five bank shares deliverable or assignable after the dividend, as I shall not be willing to hold any property under the influence of such a man —

Jam.s &c

3mo 21 1797

To Isaac Hicks

Thy favours of 4 & 14th & 3 current came duly to hand the former informing of the Sale of the Iron and the latter conveying the two drafts one Thad.s Mayhew on his father $639.36 the other Seth Stebens on Abm Gibbs $203.75 which when paid shall place to thy Credit — We are obliged by this remittance haveing a large sum of money to pay next month and we fear our being able to raise it in season — we hope no delay will take place thy future collections, and as our W R brother S Rodman now goes on for Newyork, whatever money thou can collect by his return or whatever discounts obtain money yet due to send by him we shall be greatly obliged — we wish thee to send us the Franklin a Chest of best Bohea Tea —

Our W R J.r being with others on a Reference between Cap.t Coffin & his

owners are desirous of thy information, what was Smiths object in taking up the Ship either to Load on his own Acct. or to put up for freight if the latter the Primage would be paid by the freight if the former & it is your Custom that Charterers as well as owners pay no Primage on their goods. Smith conceived he had paid the whole in the Charter paty please also to tell what is the most common usage for Primage on the Cargo Coffin carried Out — and what that cargo consisted of — thy attention to this business. & particular reply to these questions will be gratefully received — We are &c

We are waiting to receive thy incouragement to Ship the some whale Oil, we have none ther yet ready — We are &c

To Samuel & Miers Fisher New Bedford 3 mo 22

I have to acknowledge the rec.t of your several favours p.r Bunker together with the Money $2177 86/100 sent by him by your care herein we are greatly obliged but feel reluctance at your haveing so much trouble on our Acc.t without Charging a Commission which we should very willingly have paid the same circumstance occurs with respect to the imported carpet which I conceive you ought to have charged the same advance upon as upon your general importation the figure pleases extreamly and we all commend brothers Fishers taste My wife as well as many others think it very neat and I am pleased it is so plain but did not feel doubtful on this point when my brother had the ordering it — I have again writtien J Tisdale but am yet without his reply my attention shall be given to effect a settlement of this business — Brother Hazard duly received the check for $2072 4/100 without date, at the time it came to hand he was absent which prevented his acknowledging it immediately — The box of books was immediately sent

102 to Nantucket — The trees my father has recieved and hope they will survive the transportation. The present aspect of affairs I think looks very discouraging for much sea adventure since I wrote you I have seen a Vessel directly from Surralion the Capt Martin Benson gives a fine a acct of the flourishing state of the colony and that the distintion by the French has proved a real benifit by turning there attention to agriculture and that they have recently found spontanious growth of a most excellent kind of Coffee equal to the Moco which promices great advantage but I find very little prospect of trade except in the article of Rum which wholly prohibits us — Benson says great attention is paid to the education of the Black Children and that they make a great progres in their lerning — He further informed me the Danes had established a similar Colony further down upon the Coast and have so far discountenanced Slavery, that the trade with men are looked upon with disgrace and are only allowed a few years to collect their debts and settle accounts — Thus we see the progress of that desiarable work which I hope will one day change the fertile Country of Africa into a land of plenty & happiness — We are assisting in a prosecution commenced last week against John Brown & Cyprean Stevy at Providence for the slave trade which promises success — Cousin Thomas Keg of Oil is on board Hunter

Sam &c.

To Wm Rotch Jun New Bedford 3 mo 23

My neighbour Jeremiah Mayhew being considerably engaged in the Dry goods business in this town is mostly supplied through his son Thaddeus Mayhew at New York

and being apprehensive there business would be often facilitated if they could establish such a confidence in New York as to have it in Thaddeus power to obtain a discount at the Bank for $1000 or less as there necessitys may require in hops to obtain this advantage Capt Mayhew informs me he is about to write thee and delivering my recommendation I am free to say that I think him a safe man and if my responsibility will add to his security I am free to guarentee the payment of $1000 on Thaddeus Mayhews account if he should obtain that Credit at the Bank one year from this date Sam & c.

To R Barker New Bedford 3mo 30 1797

I expect Capt Shubel Bunker now on his passage to Philadelphia will go from there to Egg harbor to procure 20 or 30 Tons of Pig Iron for our Furnace and as thou art soon bound to N York I shall write to him to inform thee by a letter to the care of I Hicks at what time he expects to be at Eg harbor where I wish such kind of piggs as will best answer our purpose If the proper kind can be procured I wish thee to make a contract if on reasonable terms for 100 Tons including what Bunker may bring to be delivered as we may want in the course of the season and I also wish thee to obtain as long a Credit for them from the time of delivery as thou can I doubt not that they may be had on 90 Days Credit or more Payment I will make either

in Phia or New York — If thou can procure a few handsom stoves that thou thinks will be saitable here, & so well made as to answer for patterns to cast from please to bring or have with P Hicks to Ship William Rotch Jun & Co one of 3 or 4 kinds bot for house and Ships use — with such other Artides as thou may think necessary — Sam & c

To Henry Drinker 4 mo 7

Some time last summer I wrote thee and recieved thy answer relative to Pig Iron since which I hope thy engagements may admit thy furnishing some for the approching season the bearer hereof Robert Barker haveing undertakeing the care of my foundry expect to go from New York to procure stock there for and shaud it be in thy power to furnish a part I shall be obliged thereby and will endeavour that payment shall be made agreeable to contract I am &c.

To Moses Brown 4 mo 15 97

Thy kindness in procuring the discount for me of $2000 I have to acknowledge & further to ask the favour of a continuance for half the sum for which my note is anexed and enclose I know send thee — $100 Rhode Island Bank paper. $416 — in Providence Bank & ~~Checks upon the Branch~~ Boston Bank for $500 with 50/100 Spec — which I suppose pays the discount on the $2000 for 30 days & on $1000 for 30 days

if not right we will adjust it heretofore — if a Check on Rhode Island Bank for the payment of the last $1000 will be accepted I expect to provided to pay it at the time if not I will make other provision

I am &c.

To Moses Brown 4 mo 18

I wrote thee on the 15 by Cap^r Obed Fitch who went the 16 to Newport in expectation of being in Providence last evining to take the Norwhich staye & inclosed thee in hater $1016 50/100 and my note for $1000 in hope thou would again oblige me with thy endorsment & obtain a Discount thereon which I hope thou hast recieved before this but least it has been delayed by any means I thought best to give thee this information & should thou recieve it I shall be glad to hear thereof or if otherwise I shall make arrangments to answer it when thou finds it necessary I am &c

I am in hope Sam^l Tales of Taunton will remit to thy Credit at Bank $1000 to render our renewal unnecessary

To Samuel & Mers Fisher 4 mo 10 - 97

I duly recieved yours of 27 - 5 mo & Bunker with the pig Iron amounting £119 - 14 - 11 to your C^r & note your observations relative to the contract made by Barker which he thought was conclusive & I supposed you were knowing to it However it may make no difference if they still comply with the terms proposed — and as some of it our workmen are fearfull of it will be more agreeable that only 10 or 15 ton be more be sent by Bunker that we make further

trial we go on pretty well with the Speedwell
pigs first brought which prove very good I wish
you to enjoin Roberts to send none but the grey
pigs as the others are useless to us
Should any more be ready by Bunkers return we
have requested J Anthony & Co to accept your drafts
therefore for our accompt — not having been able
to go to Boston I have not been able to procure
any acknowledgment from J Tisdale that he will
accompt with me his circumstances have been
embarrassed, but hope he will support his credit
as he yet continues his business — I expect
in a short time to be in Boston when I
shall attend thereto, & hope to gain a settlement
to your satisfaction
I am &c

To Joseph Whipple Esq^r

7 mo 17

By direction of Wm
Ellery of Newport we now ship thee p^r Schooner
Rainbow Cap^n Sherman 7 Casks of winter press'd
Oil, for use of the Light House during the winter
which we wish safe to hand
We are &c.

To Joseph Hussey

7 mo 18

We wrote thee
by last post informing of our intention
of shipping some Oil & Candels enclosed thou
hast invoice of 100 Casks Whale Oil & 60
Box Sperm Candels shipd by Cap^n Sherman
who sailed this morning for your port
we hope thou will be able to command
not short of £90 p^r Ton & get pay for
full bunding &c please advise us weather
the state of our Acc^t will admit
drawing to what amount thou can answer
our orders our present scarcity of Casks is
very great

To Andrew Ritchie 7mo 19-97

Capt Robert Hillmans wife has a letter from her husband informing her that he had requested thee to draw £400 on Thomas Jones Esq^r Bristol and remit it to me for their use She wishes me to gain information if the draft is made & also if the money is ready thy information thereon will oblige

Thy Sam^l &c.

To William Ellery 7mo 20 - 1797

We duly received thy favour & omitted replying thereto last Post from the prospect there was of compleating the orders Shipments of Oil this day to Portsmouth & new York which shipments are now made Invoice & bill Lading Inclosed amounting to thy Debit $830 We note thy observations relative to the Casks falling short of the gauges we cannot account for any material difference the Casks being gaged by a Sworn gauger & the same we purchased fill'd with head matter a £7mo 100 ℔ Ton much higher price than we sell at that it was certainly to our Interest to have them gauged right as to one gauging I Gle short it was most probable if that was the case there was some hidden imperfection in the cask but than may rely upon there being properly fill'd and I have no doubt had they been shipd here & properly

107 stowed they wants of required drawing
off when they reach'd Charlestown but Oil
in tight casks with the Bungs closed exposed
to a Hot sun will unavoidably strain
will ~~unavoidably strain~~ very much
by the rarefaction from the Heat which
will often produce Cooperage & Leakage all
we can say is that they were well gauged
well fill'd & put in good order when the Casks
left us had any one of the Casks fallen short
in the gauge 9 Gll we should suppose our
Gaugers had made a Mistake of 10 Gll which
is an error that often occurs — Having $500
to remit to Providence this week we take
the Liberty of drawing upon thee for that
sum in favour of Phs Arnold which we
request thee to honour We suppose there
remains in the cellar about 500 Gl
more of winter Oil which we wish if
thou expect to have it some person may
be authorized to receive it as we shall in
that case consider it on the risque of the
U States & our situation induces us to wish to
avail ourselves of the amount thereof
We are &c

Respected friends — New Bedford 12mo 26 1796 [illegible]08

Brothers DeBanque

I duly rec'd your several favours dated June 10 & 30th Aug.t 3 & 21. & note the Contents, and feel myself obliged by your good opinion of my intentions of serving the interest of B & C. and hope that matter may be hereafter settled to general satisfaction. Your Concern may be avoided respecting the advances I have made ~~on account~~ on your Credit, as with the Money rec.d on acc.t of Isaiah Hussey & by arrangements with Francis Macy, I am accommodated & I suppose will the whole amount, but as their Acc.ts remain unsettled, I know not what sums to place to your Credit —

I note your wishes for the Sale of Ship Ann & have wrote to immediately to F. Macy on the Subject. I have since seen him & propos'd the other owners to take her, which they decline property in Ships was consider'd much more valuable twelve months past than they are now, but should any opening present for her Sale, I will do the best I can, F. Macy told me he suppos'd Cap.t Andrews would give £700 for ⅓. but as he has just entered on a Voyage to London, it is uncertain what his mind may be when he returns — The Ann, Carteright arrived at New York in the early part of this month.

A few days since I rec'd your esteemed favour of Oct.r 2.d covering Sales of 5 Tons of Sperm Oil per the America Cap.t for £285.7. and am pleased you have remitted that amount to Lubbert & Dunn and hope soon to receive your Sales of the 10 Tons Whale Oil per same Ships. & [illegible] to hear that the am.t thereof is also remitted to the same house.

109 Your favour letter also contained the papers relative
to your business with Cap Shubael Coffin 2d. I im-
mediately wrote him upon the subject requesting
his attention to the business & he wrote a few days
since that he should soon be at New Bedford
& would attend thereto. but the severity of the
winter from our present prospect will
probably prevent it for some time —
I shall use my endeavours to make
an equitable settlement on your behalf —
Cap Coffins letter mentions the sudden death of
the wife of Cap Francis Macy —
Since my last I have formed a Connection
in Trade with my friend Abraham Barker &
our business now moves under the firm of
Wm & Robt Jones & Co. who will be equally ready to
serve your interests whenever occasion may
offer —
I am &c

To Thd Barclay & David Howell Esqrs Boston 3 27

When I contracted with
you last summer at Halifax for the Schooner
Elira to go express to New York on the publick
service you may recollect the hasty manner
in which the business was concluded the whole
being done in a few minuets, and Col Barclay
having as a Preliminary mentioned to me
before I proposed the terms the design Viz to
go to New York wait four Days for Judge Benson
& thence to Passamaquady, I thereupon conclu-
=ded the Vessell could make her Voyage in season
to accommodate me & my frds with our
passages home which was our object & had
she been detained no longer we should of
met her at Passamaquady or Beaver Harbour
at the very time we wished it upon
rational Calculation of passages —

The detention of the Vessell at New York & Portland put it out of our power to avail ourselves of the Conveyance indeed after making the Contract, I read Capt Kemptons orders where I observed no stipulation was made relative to the days rest at New York & on deliberating thereupon I foresaw it would not do to depend on the Elvira for a passage home we therefore had the Mortification of persewing a very unpleasent rout in Very ordinary Vessells such as I have not been accustomed to, and finally it cost us for Vessell hire and Horse hire to bring us hoome, after we left Annapolis one hundred & Seventy five Dollars & forty Cents — which would of been all saved had the Elvira been at our Command — and as my inducement in consenting for the Schooner to go was more to accommodate the Public business than to gain property, and the terms agreed upon was no more than a proper Charter wages & provisions, I conclude you will agree with me in Judgment that these circumstances ought to have weight in my favour & that the public aught not be served at my individual loss —

I therefore Solicit you to take the Subject into consideration & if you think with my self that I am intitled to the Loss that I sustained by the disapaintment I hope you will allow me in addition to the Charter $175.40/100 & also inform me where I shall apply for the whole Yours &c

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To James Sullivan Esqr Dear 3. 97

When I was last in Boston I understood from thee that it was expected provision would soon be made thro thy hands for the Charter of the Scooner Eliza Kempton from Halifax to New York & Passamaquada, which I hope ere now has been done if thou can put me in a way to recieve it will at this time very much oblige me & if in thy hands I shall be pleased with the Liberty to draw upon thee, as I find it very difficult to collect Money in this Neighbourhood. & am very short I take the Liberty to inclose thee a letter to the Commissioners wherein I have stated my reasons for some additional compensation which hope will appear reasonable both to thee & them & I shall be obliged by thy attention in obtaining their determination & to inform me the sums allowed I hope thou will excuse the trouble I give thee therein as I cannot leave home at this time or I would wait upon them myself hopeing thy thy public engagements will admit of thy given me early information relative to the Charter I am &c

8mo 12. 1797

To Shubael Coffin

I have been long expecting to hear from thee relative to De Bauques Acct which I very much ~~much~~ wish to have settled, as they are owing me a Considerable balance upwards of $6000 on interest, I have been more easy as to my own money because I owed Isaiah Hussey, a considerable part of it who now stands in need of it — and I see no way of accommodating him but through some of De Bauques Funds, I have therefore to request thy attention to have the matter settled with my brother Rodman so that I may be able to furnish Isaiah with what he wants — I am &c

8mo 19. 1797

To Samuel Rodman

I received some time since a letter from B D Bauque wherein they express'd their Anxiety to accommodate me with money from their own funds to pay a balance they owed me of about $6300 & expected part from Shubael Coffin & desird me to call on Wm Rotch ~~Jun~~ & Sons for the remainder, but last summer Isaiah Hussey left in my hands funds to collect, which I expect would be to their C^r. & balance their Acct within about $400 this made me easy, as to calling upon thee — but unexpected to me Isaiah is now in want of that money or at least $3000, which I am in no way to provide but through their own Funds, I therefore must request thy interferance to try to effect a settlement with Coffin for which purpose I now inclose three their documents and as their letter to Shubel will be wanted I have a Copy of it if he will not produce it which I presume he will — from him & from you, I must rely for the $3000 except 3 or 400 of which Hussey wants in New York if more Convenient —

Please inform me what if any thing the House now owes De Bauque, as I think thou told me thou had Ship's Oil to them to pay towards it — If I can not obtain any thing from Shubt & you owe them not enough — I shall be very much put to it to accommodate the business — As I find it difficult in the extream to procure money to support our Credit — pray write me soon on the subject —

8mo 26 1797

S B & De Bauque

Since the preceding date my last respects I have rec.d your favours dated Nov.r 22 & Dec.r 4 also one of April 11 by the latter I perceiving you had not rec.d mine of 12mo 26 Copy of which I now annex a above, Since that time I have been waiting to see Capt. Coffin and he delaying to come off agreable to the encouragment he gave me I engaged my brother I Rodman to seek for a Settlement with him, but it has proved to no purpose, he is now in Boston and has promised me on his return to consider of a proposition I made him, His chief claime is founded on some difference on two sums of return premium you settled in former Acct. which he says was Credited in Livers when the exchange was 76 which were applies to your use when much less he also wants Acct. of Credit for Supplies David Swain rendered Acct of to you of Sundry Ships on the last Voyage — he likewise affects to demur to the Livers paid his brother Thaddeus, but as he sees that he or his broth must accompt with you there for I think he will give the business up — the Bone Ships you by the Susa last year was the owners part of Ship Brothers Voyage, and having no sales of that serves him for a pretence to delay — I have offer to submit the matter to reference with him, which I much prefer to entering into the Law, and without a power of Attorney I cannot prosecute him — if agreable to you for me to refer it I wish you approbation — Should any thing more promising occur on his return from Boston I will let you know it — By your of 22d Nov.r Rec.d Sales Invoice of the

Whale Oil of the America Nps £ 5442. 17. and I have rec^d Lubbert
acknowledgment of the receipt of both Sums, which transaction is fully sat-
-isfactory — Yours of Dec^r 4 informs of the duty of £4. 3 ₰ being put on all
Oils — this is a great discouragement to the Shipment of whale Oil — tho' low
at this time in this Country — Spermaceti Oil has been so high and so little
at market that we have had none to spare for the last year, we have given
£ 70 Sterl ₰ Ton for it here — the price you mention in yours of Apr: 11 that
it would find a quick Sale at £ 40 ₰ pot will do pretty well & has induced our
house to Ship you some, about 8 Tons ₰ Capt Isaiah Hussey via New York, of
which they will acquaint you — It has not been in my power to do
any thing respecting the Ship Ann — Capt Macy has doubtless inform'd you she
was Chartered to go to the Bay of Honduras & Europe & was Captured lately by
a French privateer & carried into Havannah, where Capt Thad^s Coffin aban-
-doned her — I find $ 10,000 were insured upon the Ship in New York $ 1600 at
Nantucket on the freight, also orders in England £ 500 ₰ more & £ 1000 ₰ at
Certain Limits so that I hope the property was all covered and will be eventu-
-ally paid — altho I hear the underwriters demur to the abandonment and
many great failures & scarcity of money makes us fear for the Underwriters, many
of whom have suffered greatly also by captures — when I wrote you last
I considered myself reimburs'd for my advances on the Ship &c from Capt F. Macy
& Isaiah Hussey, but the Latter finding it not convenient to let his balance
go to your Cr has ordered it reversed and has called upon us for three thousand
Dollars the balance due to him was $ 6142. 87 — & by my books yours appears
about the same — that I am now in advance what Hussey draws for which expects
will be $ 3000 — I hope to get something from Capt Coffin as it is a very scarce
time for money 12 to 24 ₰ Cent is not uncommon to give to usurers —

William Robb & Sons informs me they are not yet in Cash
for your Acct — I am very respectfully your Assured friend
W. R. J.

9mo 27. 97

To Brothers De Bauque

Capt Coffin not yet having returned this way I can give no further information relative to your Business with him — wherever I can see him I shall do the best I can for your interest in mean time I am very respectfully your Assured Friend WRG

PS have just rec'd yours of June 21 by which I find you had not then rec'd duplicate of mine of 12mo 26 triplicate of which I have forwarded to Isaiah Hussey & now inclose another Copy for your Government — I am very sorry for this delay, which by repeated Captures has been the case with many of our letters some of which have provd to our injury — I am &c

To Samuel Bayard

10mo 16th 1797

We duly received thy esteemed favour dated 31st July, and are pleased thou hast succeeded in recovering our demand upon the British Government, and hast £119.13.2 ready for our Order — We accordingly this day draw upon thee in favour of Thomas Dickason & Co for that Sum at 5 days Sight and we shall be further obliged by thy giving it due Honour when it appears — We shall not fail to attend to thy observation in postscript to the duplicate of thy Letter, and shall shortly settle the Business with thy Friends in Boston We are very &c Wm & S. Robt

To Thomas Dickason & Co

10 Mo 16th 97.

We duly received your esteemed favours dated 9th Jany, 16 Feby 26 April & 17 June, the former covered your account Current balance in your favour £573.7.9. which we have found free from Error & duly placed it to your Credit in our Books, yours of 16 Feby inclosed Invoice of Iron Hoops & Sheet Lead amt to £189.18.11, which came to hand in safety, but the great advance in the price of the Hoops, we did not contemplate, that they come now too high to import from London, as our Mills have now so improved in rolling Iron that we can be amply supplied by them —

We observe your Notes on the Provision for the Petersburg Cargo, at the time we wrote you we did not know how our Funds would be

established and our Commerce was then under many embarrassments that we preferd. varying the value of our Cargo rather than have any advances made for our Account, and are much disappointed that you had not at the date of your last rec.d Capt.n H. Swaines Orders in favour of Thos. Havard & Thos. Rotch, who informs them he has wrote by two Ships, both of which he has recently heard were captured, but that he has again requested the same of you, for their Account we expected at least £700. to our Credit and S. Rodman informs us he has rec.d your acknowledgement of a request to add £500. or £600 to our Funds for this acct. or that of the Nantucket House ——————

We are much obliged by your warranting our Petersburg Friend to draw on you first for £500, & since for £1000 both which they inform us they have avail'd themselves of, and about three months ago informed the Eliza was nearly ready to Sail, but she has not yet made her passage, we hope no misfortune has happened to her but it is time she was in —— We are obliged by your information respecting the Market for Sperm Oil with you, the declention that Article has suffered in price, sadly discouriages our making any Shipment this Fall, as it continues high here — Oil p.r 200. & head matter p.r 300 whale Oil on the contrary is down to 30 to 50 Dollars

We have Shipped about 25 Tons Sperm Oil to Dunkirk & directed the proceeds either to you or to Hamburg as might appear most advantageous —— From our last Letters from Thomson Peter Bonar & Co it does not appear probable they will have occasion to draw more than the £1500, from you, which leaves a small Balance when the Sums are duly placed which we have anticipated —————— Last Spring we rec.d from Samuel Bayard the American Agent in London an award in favr of Messrs Thomas Rotch, & a few days since he has authorized us to draw upon him £ 119.. 13.. 2 previous to the last we wrote him & requested when he was in Cash to pay it to you, we however now inclose you our draft for that Sum, and shall also draw upon you for £75 in favour of Mildred & Allen of London at 30 days sight, which we request you to honour when it appears — We are &c

20th We request you will also pay a small Bill we have this day drawn in favour of Wm S. Wall for Twenty Pounds we are &

117 Esteemed Friends
Mildred & Allen

New Bedford 10 mo 1st 97.

I duly received your esteemed favour of 19th of last mo. and am pleased to find you were satisfied with the disposition made of the Invoice entrusted to my care but as to that transaction I wish you to be perfectly easy relative to any Commission, for I was so much hurt with the loss you sustained by attempting to serve one of my neighbours & a brother in profession that it would have been more painful to me to have made the least increase of that Loss — should your Business in future require so much attention as to merit a commission, I will endeavour to make it easy to you A Tun of pearl Ashes my Friend J. Hussey promises me shall be Shipped you very soon — On receipt of yours I wrote immediately to the New London House, before they received it, they wrote me or rather in their behalf Samuel H. P. Lee wrote me they had found by your Letter that some Certificates that they had long since forwarded to you which intitled them to recovery of Insurance, had miscarried and also that they had last Spring made you some remittance which together more than balanced their Acct with you, and waited my direction either to settle the Business with me or forward Copy of their claim & wait for your answer, the latter I advised and hope their Business will be settled to your satisfaction — I am sorry I have not been able to obtain a settlement with E Greene, he however gives encouragement that he shall soon be in a situation to do it, and has paid me Seventy five Pounds, for which I inclose Wm Rotch Junr & Bros Bill on Thos Dickason & Co of this Date at 30 Days Sight — as soon as I can receive any further payment you may depend upon my remitting it as speedily as possible — Being in want of a few articles for my own use I take the liberty to request you to Ship them by one of the early Boston Ships, for which I will take care to make remittance in due time — They are added at Foot please to command me freely and believe me to be your affectionate Friend —

1 Portable Electrical Apparatus, with Negative & positive conductors Leyden Phials, medical apparatus, and other for curious experiments from 4 to 6 Guineas —

6 Cupping Glasses with Exhauster piston & valves to screw on them
1 set spring Lancets for Cupping. 6 doz Anderson Pills 3 doz. best Turlington Balsam 1 doz. best Lockyers Pills 1 doz Hills Balsam of Honey

Tristram Gardner Nanett 9m

Thy letter of 2d I recd this evining & if thy tender feelings of humanity are so easily shook as I wonder it had not endused thee to more mild and gentlemanlike language than to charge either my brother or myself or both with chicanery the charge I consider Infamous in thee and as I know we gave uh our right in not settling upon a general avarage & settled the voyage upon principles that than thy self acknowledg'd to be right to me that of taking out our own oil to pay the Shars expences & all the overplus to be sold for general account of the voyage I deem thy illiberal reflexions unworthy my notice upon those terms as with all the others I am ready to settle with thee & no other after thou hast recaled the infamous charge of chicanery WR Junr

To Jonn Hastings Nmo 25 - 97

I returned last evining from Providence and found thy letter of 16 enclosing $156 Nantucket Bank paper & my partner being also absent at new York it remained unopened

119 I now inclose thee W & Sons check on Union Bank for that sum I am sorry for the delay it may not be likely to occur in future — as it is rare we are both absent I am &c

To Joseph Anthony & Co 1 mo 2 98

We refer you to our letter which went by Capt Firth but his being prevented going further than NY unaccountably omitted forwarding it until his return here last week Our A/C having by yours A/C we have compared the same with our books And find you have still omitted to our Cr Sales of 8 Casks Sp Oil per Sales dated Apl 16 - 96 amounting to £180 13 - 8 which ought to have appeard in your former A/C and which we noted to you in our letter dated 2 mo 11 last year we also observe instead of Charging us our draft on E Waring for $153 46 you only Charge £37 - 10 - 11 these 2 sums placed right makes the ballance in our favour £349 - 7 - 6½ or $930 67 as it stands on our books we request on finding us right you will conform yours thereto &c We hope you have completed the Sales 20 Boxes Candels & 24 Casks Sperm Oil on hand which will close the Sales of all our property in your hands — We requested in our last that you would forward us $1000 by first — We are now very short of

Money & shall be greatly obliged if you can
accommodate us with the whole amt in your
hands or such part as you can with convenience
as speedily as you in Checks on the Bank or
such way as may be easiest to you & we
expect to forward you by first Vessell some
Sperm Oil & Candels as we shall have a
good Shair thereof We are &c

To Jan Hastings 1 mo 2 - 9

Thy favour of 26 ult came
duly to hand inclosed $415 Nantucket Bank
Bills we now forward our Check on Brandt
Bank for the same Amt &
Having Slipt our memory it was omitted
being forwarded last mail We are &c

To Joseph Taylor 1 mo 8 - 98

The premium on
insurance made upon the Schr Elvira Capn
Hempton fm St Petersburg who arrived last
month having fallen due we now inclose
thee S Rotch's draft on J Hussey for $370 -
our Check on B B for $30 which is the
amount of our Note given thee for & and
when rec please cancel the same & forward
us the Note ~~given thee for~~ & Shirs Anna
Capn Coleman arrived this day fm P Ocean
Spoke S Barklay in Lat 9 south 11 mo 9

We are &c

121 To Peter Roe Dalton 1mo 2 1798

We solicit thy Care
in receiving the amount of the above order
on Jo^{s} Hastings $123-2 & placeing the same
to our C^{r} as Gouverneur & Kimballs draft
on Jon^{a} & Richard Codman for $1575 $\frac{82}{100}$ falls
due ab^{t} 30 dys hence we shall be obliged by
thy offering it to the directors for discount
as we shall want it in short time
if we can be accommadated we have
Hussey has p^{d} our last draft for $1000 and
as we have not yet heard thereof hope
thou will excuse some of our drafts if
they reach thee before we are Certain
We are &c

Jo^{s} L Hastings

1 mo 2 - 98

We rec^{d} thy letter
long after the date it haveing been lost out
of the mail & have p^{d} Cap^{t} Russell the
freight it was our intention to furnish
thee with the oil on the same terms as
before & supposed thou p^{d} the freight of that
we are now supplied with each kind of Oil
and in the Spring shall be able to furnish
thee with either Strained or pres'd of the best
Qualitity — we have this day drawn upon
thee in favour of the Bank at 10 Ds sight

for the amount of the last oil we shall 122
be obliged by thy paying if convenient

We are &c.

To Thos Mayhew

1 mo 2 90

Thy favour of last month is before us the draft for $250 therein contained has been duly honour'd by thy favour we were sorry to find J Hicks sold Sperm for less than $1 at the present high price of Head matter it can but ill be afforded for less but as we shall have considerable to market we must dispose of it on as good terms as the purchaser as others than has therefore our liberty to sell on as good terms as J Hicks relying on thy endeavours to keep up the price as also to obtain the first market which we hope will not be much less than $1 pr Gll

We long since put on board Cap Cunningham about 1000 Gll of the best kind Sperm Oil he has now been so long detain'd that he has pretty much given up going till the winter breaks when a conveyance presents we shall attend to forward it

We are &c

123 To Isaac Hicks 1mo 6 98

Agreeable to thy request

we have consider'd of terms that we think will answer for your City— that is 5 or 600 Gls Strained Sperm Oil at 90 Cents ₱ Gll d/d next Spring we do not recollect the time of payment thereof Cost heretofore when we have supplied the government it has been prompt pay — Should thou conclude to have of us we can generally ship it at short Notice — Thy A/C we will endeavour to forward by next conveyance

Yeard &c

To Thos Arnold 1mo 6 98

This evening we rec'd thy letter of 28th ult & seeing no prospect of obtaining the Coffee by water we give up the thought of having it sent but if thou has a chance to send on the indigo by land in course of next week we will take it — if it comes we crave thy request to Aaron & Browns to send our wick yarn without fail by the teams — Our aversion to having our ship detain'd here by the inclement Spring if severe weather should again set in induces a Chance to get her through the Channel now making by 2 ships coming up We are &c

To Wm Bowerman 2mo 6 98

Thine of yesterday we rec'd this evening and as the drawback

cant be obtain'd by coming by land we give it up the idea and with thee to omit purchasing it for thy attention thereto please accept our thanks hope thou will be able to sell the remaining oil & find in future a market for Candels as by the late arrivals we shall probably be well supplied with that article

To Benr Alley

Weaver &c

1mo 5 - 98

We rec'd thy letter of 1st yesterday & with thou had sent us the Acc't of Sales & said how much thou hast paid at the Bank we have been extreamly disapointed in this transaction the confidence we had in the payment at the time thy note was left at the Bank induced us to obtain a Cr. thee & have been obliged thro great scarsity of money to send it down to save our Cr.

The presumption of applying our money to your own use without our knowledge or consent & depending upon the precariousness of turning the money again to make us payment is what we had no reason to expect from the confidence we plaied in you & what no factor has no right to do. tho the embarrasments of our trade, this has proved a great injury to us peculiarly so at this time - we have no doubt after thus doing but thou hast done the best thou could after making the application but the first step was wrong & is hard in us to reconsile in a particular friend if thou canst collect the payments on the notes remaining we shall wish to put them into some other hands to free the payments as we support that would not be agreeable business to thee

125 If this is the Caracter of Lynn punctuality at will be a great discouragement to us in any future business

We have a letter from Phia 20 last month which says that the river was then shut yet several Vessells had from time to time got up — we hope yours has or that you have insured your property on board here, we know not what to say on this business only that we are distress'd for want of the money & pray let us know how much has been paid at Bank that we may avail ourselves of it We are &c

To Jona Hastings 1mo 8 - 1798

Thine of 4th was rec'd last evening with $49. & we ask the favor of thy running $1000 by the inclosed Check & the residue after paying the $49 send us by first post in Boston or Bank Bills. pray enquire at the Bank for our Bank Book & if there send it to us — we are

To Joseph Hussey 1mo 10 - 1798

We wrote thee on the 25 ult requesting to know if Hallis had paid for the medicines and if thou has ever stop'd Mildred & Allen a ton of Pearl Ash if so what is the amount we crave thee reply to this as we are hard press'd for Cash & have avoided having drawn £100 Sterl on London to wait the rec'd from Halls & we were at the time of our

last obliged to draw for $1000 & our Check 126
has gone for that Sum which we hope has
been paid — having several ~~articles~~ arrivals
with Success the calls of the people upon
our own family are such as to keep us drain'd
for money and we hope by this than
hart Elas'd the Sale of the last Sperm &
Whale Oil & will soon be in Cash & that
than hart also Sold our Candles we always
mean to leave thee at Liberty to Sell Candles
as others do & if they will not hold them
at 53 Cents we must conform to 50 Cents
Please send us a bill of a bag of Hops

We are &c

To Thaddeus Mayhew

New 10 . 97

We ship'd on board of
the Speedwell Capt Cunningham 21 Casks best
press'd Sperm Oil about a month ago who was
then bound to New York but after being prevented
from Prosecuting his Voyage along time by
the severity of the weather we thought he had
given over the the idea of proceeding on this
winter and had therefore recalled our letters we
this day heard he sailed on the 8th and forward
our letters and Invoice Via Newport this
parcel of Oil being of the present kind and
most suitable for winters use we flatter
ourselves with a prospect of its meeting a ready
Sale for Cash & at an advanced price for that
which has been selling in your City W

To Isaac Hicks mo 11 - 98

The foregoing was intended to bee sent by Capt Cunningham who was prevented several weeks from prosecuting his Voyage by the severity of the season untill we thought he had quite given over going for N York this winter but yesterday we were Informed he had Sailed on the 8th inst should he arrive with them would recieve & dispose of for our Account the annexed Invoice of Sperm Candles

We have also shipped by same Vessell 21 Casks best Sperm Oil for winter use addressed to T Mayhey and as it is a little uncertain whether he will be in the City on its arrival being expected this way in case of his absence we wish them would recieve & dispose of on our account we flatter ourselves it will meet a ready Sale for Cash & at an advanced price from what the Sperm oil has fetched of late in your City as it is of the best kind for winter use And we apprehend that kind to be Scarce with you at this time as the successfull Voyages our small fleet has made that is return- Invariables us with a considerable Stock of head matter & Oil that we shall have much Oil & Candles to Market grounds to come we flatter our selves you City will take off considerable quantitys of both Our Ship Minerva Cap Gardner will be ready in all this week we omitted mentioning in our last that so little freight presents to

come from St Petersburg that we think
& not an object to any goods on freight
unless Capt Gardner should find when he
arrives that several £100 freight can be had
for N York when we shall leave the accept=
ance thereof to his judgment which will in
some measure depend on the State of Politicall
affairs at large Should J Mayhew not be
in the City please destray the inclas'd
letter after taking from it the invoice of Oil

To Wm Ellery Esq^r

Weare &c

Inno 11 -98

Thy favour of 23 ult^o came
duly to hand & we note the contents & Since
ours of 15 last month several of our Ships have
returned from the fishery & with successfull
Voyages that we shall be able to furnish the
goverment (shants they want) with as much
of the sperm Oil pres'd fm Head Matter
as we apprehend they will want and of the
other kind also in communicateing this
thou will oblige thy Respectfull

Weare &c

To Gibbs & Channing Inno 13 -98

An opportunity presenting
for Newport by the Narraganset boat we forward
you a Cask of pres'd Oil as pr Inst - Not being
able at this moment to take the Cask out of Water
shin'd by him nor the Barrel for the Bank
& having no other Cask of that size new on hand
we omit sending apprehending they can have
a temporary supply from you

Weare &c

To Leonard & Crocker mo 13. 1797

We duly rec'd your favour of 10 inst inclosing $100 which we have endorsed on your Note & we crave the continuation of your favertions to remit us a further sum as soon as Payable We are &c.

To Joseph Hussey mo 16 - 98

We have wated with much impatience to gain a reply to our two last letters relative to the payment for the Drugs but as we hear nothing from thee & the Halls being very punctual & substantial men we presume the payments has been duly made & finding by the State of our Books $2400 besides our last draft to the Bank for $1000 & all the Sales due except $102 due 18 next month upon the last Sales of Whale Oil which doubtless must be more than made us upon our last Shipments of Sperm Oil & Whale these considerations together with our pressing necessity for money obliges us again to draw upon thee in favour of the Bank for $1000 more at 10 days sight which we request thou would honour & next week we see no way but to draw again another $1000 which we hope thou will be prepar'd to meet we hope thou hast Closed the Sales of the last Oil & that we may very shortly avail ourselves of the proceeds thereof we have the Candles are also sold We are &c. Ja

To Peter Rae Dalton mo 16 - 98

By not hearing to the contrary we presume Hussey has paid our last draft for $1000 & that Codmans acceptance

has been discaunted & We now crave thy collection of the anexed draft on J Hussey for $1000 at 10 days sight & when pd to hap it to our Credit

We are &c Peter Roe

To James Andrews

Nwo 16 1798

We are very much obliged by thy information relative to the demand for Candles & it is our intention to forward those a load as soon as the roads become passable but at present it appears impracticable we wish to forward thee 150 Boxes to meet a payment we have to make Capt Nathaniel West of Salem of £700 that falls due on the first of 5th month next & And hope to get them forward in season to answer that purpose Our J Rodman informs us he has clos'd our Acct with thee by Discaunt

We are &c

To Jon Hastings

Nwo 16 1798

We wrote thee last post acknowledging the rect of the money & We now solicit thy kindness in remitting for our inclosed Check $500 by the very next post if practicable if not as early as possable When our applications became too troublesome we will relax on thy notice not wishing to intrude on thy kindness

We are &c

131 To Meriam Fitch mo 16 . 1798

Inclos'd we forward our Acct with thy Husband & find the final Ballance to be $1315 „ 40 for which we now anex our note for $1300 with interest from 10 mo 15 1797 & inclose thee $15 „ 40 which if the Acct are free from Error is in full ballance thereof — Should thou need any more money at any time please to let us know it & we will accommodate thee our having given our note need make no difference — We forward thy husbands West India Acct the ballance of which 34 3/100 we have pass'd to thy Cr in the private Acct — for our A Backers inattention to this business before, he begs thy excuse having been much from home since his return from Nantucket — If thou receives the above in safty please acknowledge the rec[t] hereof no intelligence from thy Husband since he left the Cape De Verds but am in hopes to hearby next arrivals when we shall give the information

We are &c.

To Moses Swan mo 18 - 98

Thou will oblige us by collecting the above order on P Robinson at 10 days sight for $320 25/100 placing to our Acct We regret not being able to forward thy Bb of Oil at this time long been on board the Packet if thou art supplied we will retain it

We are &

To Thos Arnold mo 22 - 98

By D Rennels we rec[d] thy letter the evening after we wrote thee by J W Rugett & also the Coffee Indigo Molasses but under so many appearent Circumstances that we wished thou had omitted sending it the Miserable Boat

met all the Bags & most of the Casks at least 11 out of 14 & we found only 4 Casks out of 11 thus if of the quality we expected bright green Coffee that we fear we shall be disappointed in the Market — we send thee a small sample it has the countenance of Damaged but we are not enough aquainted to know how it is — further on exciting the attention of the Collector he told Goods cant be exported from any District other than they were imported into except such Ports as are entries allow'd from the Cape G Hope & beyond Cape, is not such a one, this would induce our Commanding thee had we not observed the Coffee could not be exported at all after 4 next month the Collector has given us the Certificate & it has been shipp'd under the forms of Law & we hope thou will obtain the Debenture before your Collector discovers it when we hope the Secretary will over look it, but as our officer has to make his Quantity returns he has engaged to write to the Secretary thereupon & which in due time we must do & our neighbourhood are detained to petition Congress for the powers of the Port to be extended to be extended as we have already suffered many inconveniences therefore we expect in Course of this week to send thee on a Draft on N York for the Amt of the Coffee the Molasses

133 we have Sold at 30 days Credit at 3/60
& the Charges the outs of the Molasses
agrees with the Invoice in quantity
1 was only 3 the other 8

We now Inclose Seth Russell & Sons
Draft on Franklin Robinson & Co for
one thousand Dollars at 30 Days sight this Date
Weave &c

To Jon^n Hastings mon 2. 98

We are oblig'd by thy
attention to our little business, last
week we rec'd our Bank Book with ~~one~~
$101 Rewards $200 left with thee by J Rodman
the other may be sent when most
Convenient the last mail brought us
thine inclosing $500 for our Check for
that sum we accept kindly thy
offer of calling upon thee as our necessity
requires we shall use the freedom &
any services we can render thee will
be attended with pleasure We are &c

To Milton'd & Allen mon 2. 98
orig'l by Minerva
Duplicate Via Boat

I wrote you on 10 mo 16
& forward you first & second Bill for Wm Rotch Jr
on R D & Co for 275 for that amount rec'd of Caleb Greene
since which I have not been able to obtain more but he
still engages to procure the residue very soon,
and I am very sorry he could not enable me
to forward you the ballance at this time
of his acct I have been in expectation that
J Hussey would ship you a ton of yeast ash
but he last week inform'd me he had not

been able to procure so small a quantity it must therefore be omitted

We also heard last week that Halls had pd for the Invoice of Drugs which fell due early last month & for which I now forward our Exchange draft on T D & Co for $1931.43 Int £434.11.5 Stg 30 Days which hope will reach you in safety My exertions shall not be wanting to close your Acct with C G of which I hope soon to give you some further Acct

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Jam &

To Alexander & John Hadden Jr. Nov 22nd 1798

In due course I had the pleasure of receiving your obliging favour acknowledging the receipt of the Bill I forwarded you for the amount of J. Browns Debt, and was glad to find my transactions met your approbation — please accept my thanks for your kind offers of services, and whenever occasion may require, I shall use the freedom to call upon you, in meantime please to command my services whenever you can find them useful to you —

Permit me to recommend to your correspondence my particular Friends Henry Dean & Co of this Town, who being about to establish themselves in the importing line are desirous of sending you a small order, & having a high opinion of their integrity (tho not possessed of much property) I have no doubt they will observe punctuality & honour, you will do them a kind turn by granting them as long a Credit as any of your Customers —

For my own use I have requested them to add a few dozen of outside Shoe & you will particularly oblige me by your attention in sending them of best quality Without extreme

135 To Benr Robb Mar 22 - 98

I lately recd thy acceptable favour of 7mo 11 & shall pay due attention to the contents I like well than has not succeeded in getting out the rollers as I have now no doubt of our obtaining them here is an European in the Vicinity of Plymouth has a patent for Casting them in an Iron Cylinder, which makes them very hard & I have his patent left with me as he wishes me to undertake Casting them in my furnace he thinks them very preferable to the English I have no doubt than will find encouragement in the rolling & Slitting business but I wish we could have it in our own Village which cant be done but by a Steam Engine & no business seems better adapted for Steam than rolling Iron the fire answering both purposes the expence of fuel to create the steam will be saved I wish than would dispose thyself of the Cast of an Engine upon an Scale Adequate to that object is than seem to have misunderstood me in supposing I had already erected a rolling mill I have done nothing respecting it having too much business of my own the Publick & Societies to be willing to enter upon any new enterprise the Seite was accupied in making bar Iron for Slags & Bar & a large good building stands on it is sufficient for a Rolling & Slitting Mill the head of water is now Abt 10ft & may be with a little expence by raising 1 side of the pond to 12 or 14 ft there is a plenty of water at some Seasons except abt 3 mo of the warm Season when it is often so low as only to carry a Grist mill which stands above it then it has all the water I have no doubt it will afford sufficient water to manufactor all the Stock we shall wish to employ in that business & the water fails in the Summer when there is the least business to do & in our Country the mills employ but 3 to 6 hands & work only days in rolling & Slitting nail rods & nails & plates of which nails are Cut they think they do very well to Cut 2 tons pr day & none of them make out 1 ton of Iron hoops pr day abt 1½ Cwt in common the wages I conclude will be from $1½ to 20 pr mo & boarding the people I have no doubt an engineer

would be advantageous than can judge as well as myself Labour has risen very much in this Country since I remove'd here it had advanc'd from 3/ to 5/ & the last year has been up to 6/ for common labour & Mechanicks in same proportion I suppose a Superintendant may be had in Europe for 20 guineas a year, that would be worth $1 pr day to us on the premises is a good tenmants house a Grist mill & a Saw Mill which will employ a superintendant when not employed in the Rooting Mill & the customs of the Mill will furnish him his family's bread provided it should prove best to put one there

I expect all the machenery must be new & some new flumes must be cut for the wheels for a rolling machine & has given me a plan of the a mill but think a few guineas would be well laid out I am sorry than should loose any influence by thy application for my manors, the last season I had some excellent workmen & good Iron, I had a Clay pattern made for a hot look it off in lead & an Iron pattern from that & we have made a dozen or two I think fully equal to the English & when we resume next summer we shall go largely into it enough to supply the American demands

my Russia goods came out so high in the Bedford & the Market was so Dull here that we only sent out ~~last year~~ a small Schooner load pr Brother GR pr SR pr principally for Linseed Oil which was last winter $1.50 pr Gl but the invasion in Ireland check'd the demand for Seed which then sold for $2 pr bush together with great importations of Oil from Europe has made it a bad Speculation the brot 300 or 400 pr Duck which prevents our making a loss

I am doubtfull respecting a sufficient quantity of flaxseed being raised in our neighbourhood to encourage a Mill a new one has been built last year at Smiths Mills 9 miles to the westward of us & they first tried a plan of D Grieves from R Grubber, which they could not make answer & have this winter got a Screw to press it in Iron hoops, but the adventures are so discouraged that I expect they will gladly sell out if they can

137 think it worth pursuing neither of them
being able to Carry on the business — I am
glad thou approv'd the plan of the Lr voyage the
pass'd the Cape De Verd well 23 of 8mo I have sent
10 tons of the whale Oil an adventure to Bilboa
on thy Acct we loaded a small Brig J Hawes
Master who I expect arrived there early in the 10mo
2 of which we heard Oil was very high there that
have to realize profit enough to pay the 5 bridge
shares I had subscrib'd to for three but took 5 of them
back to my self it is slowly going on —
I have read part of thy letter to J Duff which
was affecting to him to notice thy care concern
& good wishes & I hope he will profit by it he
says he is now 22 years if so 1/2 his Voyage belongs
to him I shall enquire of father respecting it —
The Ann has made a fine Voyage I hope 1800 Bbl
all Sperm worth $200 @ $300 that I have the owners
will share $36,000 — Sam gives up to my Agency 3/4
of the owners part to make thee equal to what
the other 2 have taken out & I expect also to take
1/8 of the Ship & fit her out agreeable to thy
hint with the same Captain — My father advises
not to purchase another Ship yet — was it not
for that I think I should purchase the Hunter
Hunter of 280 tons of this Port (She has been only
2 Voyages to Europe) & send her to London with
an Sperm Oil this Spring to Copper & be at thy
disposal to return in her 1/2 on my own Acct & 1/2
on my Brothers we have now too much Sp
Oil for our Country & we contemplate its doing
well in London since 9 of their Ships have
been taken in the Ocean I hope to here from
thee soon & have then will mention Oil —
Our house have bought 1/8 of the Ship Minerva
& Joned Gardner going out in her to Bremen
with a load of Whale Oil thence out into the
Baltic to Load out Early for her Cargo I have
provided £5000 Stg — The Barclay returned
last summer full only 100 bbl Sperm that from
the low price of Whale Oil $70 — She only paid

another outfit — She has now gone to the P Decan G Barney Master She was Spoke in G South by the Ann with small whale She also carried out 6 men to land on Mespa fura to dry Seal Skins while the Ships makes her Voyage to the Northward — I shall look for the Lydia next fall if she proves Successfull — the Maria caught a Whale which made 70 Bb on his passage & Ship'd it home from Cape De Verds — My particular frd W Dean (son of John) has establish-ed himself in a small way of business at Salem & has requested the favour of me to procure from some good house a few watches as per inclosed order to be Ship'd out as early as they can be executed upon good terms as than can procure on 9 or 10 months Credit for which if Neccessary than may guarrantie — he has an order sent on by some of his New York frd similar thereto but is desirous of trying 2 houses he is a deserving young man that if than knew would take a pleasure ~~to serve him~~ in serving him

My Partner A Barker also request than will bring or send him a good card Watch — will than be so kind as to order me a good floor Cloth per inclosed dimentions & discription year prettily shaded without scarcely any difference in the colors & it looks very plain & neat — I shall be glad to have it out as early as it can be any strang dark Colour than thinks will be the handsomest — We are also in want of a few Hackle teeth for our factory for our factory enough for 3 heckles each 3 sizes suitable for hemp & flax than can gain better information of the kinds than we can give thee please to procure them for me — Can than order from any of thy friends at Bristol or Liverpool 2 or 300 furnace bricks they are frequently imported to N York & better than our Country produces & came cheaper let the freight be agreed for ours. are

139 made equal thickness as our Arches are very flat
& about 3 feet wide & 8 ft ~~wide~~ long but I suppose
the dimentions are not neccesary please order
them soon as we want them in the Summer

Yours &c
Jno Barker Treed Thos

To Edmund Prior Jno 31 - 1798

By A Barker Treed Thos

of Jno 8th requesting the award between Russell & Sons
& Underhill & Co I have been ashamed of a delay that
business has suffered, but the situation of B Russell
the active partner has been such that I have seen
no possability of obtaining any thing without a difficulty
that I did not wish to encounter & have rested on
his promises that on the return of a Ship that has
been long expected & lately arrived within a few days
the debt should be paid, & he now tells me as soon as
it can be realized on his oil it shall paid Inclosed
is the Award dated 5 mo 4. 1796 in favour of Underhill
& Co $1112 79/100 they appear satisfied in the award & I hope
the business will soon be accomplished By W Woodward
Shall have a Keg of Oil as requested by A Barker which
I hope will reach there in Safety In haste I am Sir

To Mildred & Allen Jno 2

a friend of mine requests me
to procure a case of 6 guineas Bottles of Doctor Norris
Genuine Fever drops with his essay on there Virtues you
will oblige me by sending them very first conveyance
to Boston or this place the Ship Minerva of this
port Cap Eldridge has recently gone from Charlestown
to London & perhaps may return here

Added to Duplicate of letter page 133 Yours &c

To Lewis Marcare 3 mo 3 98

It is long since I had the pleasure of hearing from thee & family notwithstanding I wrote thee in answer to my proposition of making some remittance for the advances made to thy wife & family I have by this time thy success in business has rendered thy situation such that no inconveniance will attend the accomplishment thereof and as my Fd A Shepherd is now going to savannah with a sloop to load for Europe & I am expecting to make a shipment by her it will be an accommodation if thou can send by him the amt of the debt in good Cotton or tobacco or make him such other remittance for my Acct as may be more convenient to that amt to Mcare & Co Savannah

Sent by Allen Shepherd Via Charleston

William Rotch Junr

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141 To Joseph & Wm Russell 2mo 17

I have never been able to do any thing with J Crowell untill this day when having taken a Note from him for 2 young men in this town D Butler & H Allen for (with the interest to this time) £18.6 he has pd the ballance of the Note . . . . . 13.4 31.8 being amot as stated in your letter dated 31 march 94 £25.7 with £6.1 Interest this is the best I could do & hope it will prove satisfactory the young men I hope will be able to pay before long — they are Rope Makers & if in thy way to accept of Cordage its probable they can send it immediatly if so please mention what price thou will take it at it must be of the best kind — Herewith thou hast a Draft on J Rogers for $616 at 5 dy/ St which is the sum we have rec'd in full suppose the £20 mortgage is fully settled if so thou will send me the rec't I gave for W & Crowells note I will give up the Note to Crowell I am &c

To William Minturn 4mo 24. 1798

Last year I wrote thee in behalf of Thadeus Mayhew, offering my Garantee for $1000 should he obtain that Credit at the bank for one year, the time being expir'd and his Father having indemnified me and wishing further assistance in the same way. Should he still need any additional aid to his own Cr. I will continue my responsibility for $1000 for 1 year from this time if he can be assisted thereby — I am &c

To Charles Burrell Monro 2. 98

I duly rec'd thy letter of March 23d & should not have delayed replying thereto but that I had mislade the bond & contract sent me by the Post Master General last fall & never discovered it until this afternoon I have now compleated the the Bond and Signed the Contract both which are inclosed and shall be obliged by thy forwarding the counterpart which upon the former contract was omitted & least it never has come to hand is I have strictly enjoined the Packet men to take no letters but what they deliver at the post office which I believe they punctually observe letters to & from the the owners of the Packets upon there & the packets business also letters to consignees of goods shiped by them may be an exemption by the act — No payment has been rec'd upon the present Contract of Course it will fall due the first of next month —

Yours &c W Raleigh

143 James Sullivan Esq. 6mo 3 1798

Though some strange fatality that has attended my cause in the District Court Judgment was made up & Execution granted for $379 when the real sum in dispute was only $177 thro' the medium of our Collector I have convinced the District Attorney that no more was due, & it being left with Judge Pope to Settle, I have paid him only that sum, should any question arrise in the Court when the Execution is returnd, I beg thy attention to take of the Judgment — I shall take it as a favour if thou will send me thy Acct in that Action, as it respects a Settlements with a person here who was interested in the event thou will recollect I paid thee $20 on the Commencement of the action — I am &c

To Charles Burrall June 2 - 98

Thy favr of 12 Ulto has just came to hand inclosing $100 as p rec° inclos'd which is placed to the Cr of the Genl Post Office I am &c

To William Allen June 17. 98

I duly rec thy esteemed favrs of 20th Ulto no 85 of 4th inst last contents are duly noted and notwithstanding my my repeated endeavours I have not succeeded in attaining any further payment from C Green untill last week he p $400 eq to £90 8/9 which I now remit thee in a bill I am on house on P D & Co for £115 at 30 dys embracing also the small shipment for the Minerva Capt Traill which reached me in good Order and the apparatus proves much to my satisfaction —

I feel myself obliged by thy attention 44
thereto than will please attend to the
return premium if any as I understand
the ship came without convoy
I shall renew my application to Sh
D L and endeavour to ~~inform~~ obtain
a settlement with him & duly inform
thee thereof We are &c

To Wm Allen

11 mo 19 . 1798

I wrote thee under date & acknow-
-ledg'd the rec' of thine of 4 mo 5 with the apparatus
which proved very much to my wishes that letter
also cover'd a Bill of exchange Wm H & on T D & C for
£115 which hope has reach'd thee in safety, since
which thine of 7 mo 19 has come to hand, inclosing
thy Correspondence with Sam' H Lee upon which
I wrote him again & yesterday only rec'd his answer
dated 11 2 mo in which he informs me that after
a tedious & laborious attention, to the Sick, of
a prevalent epidemic in New London where
he was the only physician that ~~escaped~~ remained
in town for 40 dys he had been severely attack'd
therewith himself & was confin'd when
my letter reach'd him, this with the general
derangment of business there on acc' of the
Sickness prevented his doing more at this time
than to send me the inclosed 3d Bill dated
Barbadoes march 15. 98 Walcott & Grant on Thos
Daniel & Sons, Bristol for £46. 3. 3 Stg at 60 dys, &
says the other bill with the documents he
sent thee in 8 mo last, he then adds "I expect
there is justly due about $400. or $500 more
which I shall endeavour to remit you speedily

145" unless I receive to that amt in Bill on England which I duly expect for the W India"

Mr Green gives encouragement of closeing his
buisness by this conveyance, if he does its probable
we shall endose a bill for our house for the
amt, it was unnecessary to make any
apologig for the buisness of the widow Hughes.
as much of my time is spent in serving
others I should be glad none it was spent less
usefull — I immeaditly wrote my Frd Lavis &
Hoker at Newbery Port, upon the subject and
anexed is a copy of their letter — if she sends
me a power she may rely upon my attention
to serve her — The Navis Drops have come to
hand & amt £7.3 to thy Cr — Please forward
by some private conveyance the inclosed letter
to Wm Stafford Jr Cork, & conclude the delay
will be of less consequence than the Cost of Postage

I am &c

To Wm Stafford

11 mo 19. 1798

We have lately rec'd thy
letter of 8 mo 13 & should have replied more
early to the letter rec'd fm R Abell & J Hatton
if had been in our power to give any satisfatory
acc of the probable issue of the buisness, but the
premises lay remote from us about 80 or 90 miles
& in a part of the Country that we rarely travell
we have engaged a friend to look into some years
since, who informs us the widow &
J Goodbody still lives & has her life in his
Real Estate, waste was committed before we
forbad it — We have also desir'd him to see
whether any acts contrary to a nefarious
Law of that state were taken ~~contrary~~

to a resa relative to deporting the
paper Currency in discharge upon the
Execution which he has not yet inform'd
us, unless that was the Case the balance he
p^d into the town Council is worth
nothing as that Currency has come to
nothing — Thore fr^ds desired us to procure
a Copy fm the fr^ds Records of his decease —
as that could not be found we procured
it fm the town Records & have had the
Certificate fm the Governour & the state seal
annexed which perhaps may be useful to
the ~~Records~~ to the heirs, altho on reperusing
their letter it does not appear to be their object
The whole we Cover with this letter to
our friend W^m Allen of London with request
to send it by a private conveyance — whenever
we gain any further intelligence we shall
communicate it — We are &c M. Forsey
& Brother

To William Allen 4 mo 26 1799

I wrote thee p^r our Ship Minerva J Gardner
11 mo 19 last Hearing of her safe arrival omit sending duplicates — I
received from S & O Lee of 29^th ult^o inclosing a third Bill of Exchange
dated Berbice 11^th July 1798 90 days Sight John M^c Camon on
Nelson & Heathcote Liverpole for Guilders $1254.10 S the others
I conclude by his letter he has sent forward to thee — In the first
mo last Caleb Greene paid the balance of his acct £42.10.8 includ^g
interest — and as I observe by our Books the balance of thy acct
is $219.30 I intend inclosing thee a bill on J Dickason & Co

for £50 Stg — S H P Lee writes me it is his intention to be here this spring & hopes to settle the business; he still complains of the price the Books were charged at and hopes for some allowance from the Bookseller — he also says he has again forwarded the documents to prove the damage on the former Goods; I have not yet been able to find how responsible he is considered & of course have made no proposal of renewing his order — Will thou be so kind as to procure & send me, the numbers of the Repertory above N° 20 which we are already furnished with, & one Fergesons Mechanicks — I am &c

To Benj Rotch

5 mo 20 . 99

Thy duty copy via Liverpool having reached me & am anxious to receive "Thine" p John Jay whose arrival we have not yet heard and altho I regret any event should procrastinate thy return to us yet I hope advantageous to thyself — The Lydia being nearly ready to leave new York, I hasten to tell thee that the probability is that thy orders may be complied with I doubt not within thy limits, that I feel myself much obliged by thy offer which is I conceive all we could ask, and as I have apprehended a junction might involve thee some way or other, should any secreting take place we have thought best the whole articles from us & hum should be absolutely thine at thy highest limits 32 under present circumstances we thought it justifiable to place it there & hope to do so much better hereafter as to bring the whole below 30 as we are willing ~~as we are setting~~ to make a sacrifice which ever since our acc[t] we

have been reconciling — for future 148
purchases we shall not be under necessity
of drawing soon Exchange being two Low
5 to 8 pCt and at Phia & Southward 10 to 12½ owing
to the great scarcity of Cash should it turn
out well perhaps thou may afford us
a commission of 2½ pCt to compliment the
loss but nothing more is expected & only
on that consideration — as the property is
insured if the names in the Policy cannot
be altered is must remain as it is untill
the risk is determinid but if it can be it
will all go in proper form it may make
a differcabty rence in the residence, 10 is given
for all that is done — perhaps unless some
obligation thou will find the Amn dara as well
do as well in the line I shall put her
as to direct her & if she goes south her materials
here will save a great loss her whole Casks
being provided —

Yours &c

Wm Allen

Wilmo 15 99

Thy fav of 8 mo 22 pr Coffin
via Virginia was long in reaching me
but the business with Lee shall be attended
to & when he sends the damaged instrument
shall follow thy directions — I have not
been able untill last week to close the
business with the Widow Hughes which on
finding the admr denied paying the Interest
upon the balance of the Acct & the documents
furnished my Atty doubted sufficient to
establish by our Laws considering the delay
that would attend a suit & Among it
was very doubtfull whether Thos affairs
would close without Loss to the Crs I
have thought it best to accept of the

149 balance say £287.2.4 Sno which I should certainly should in the circumstance have been willing to were it my own & I hope it will prove agreeable to the widow — My Atty charged at Newbury 2 p C for this attention & I have deducted $2 which have pd postage in the buisness she is welcome to all my trouble I shall feel myself fully compensated in serving her

For the payment of the sum I now inclose the "S H J." Bill on J D C for £234.10 which at the present exchange of 6 p C dis is the Amt of $936 — My Aunt S Barney of Nantucket a Book Dealer has requested me to procure her for J Phillips & Son a small order for books not doubting thy willingness to procure them & doubtless on as good terms as they supply the Trade I take the liberty to request them as at foot to be sent to Jas Hussey Boston for me by the Spring Ships unless some ship appears for this place I now also the numbers of the repertory above No. 20 thou will be able to procure me as before directed

I am &c

Balance of A Hughes Acct $957.6
Atty Comn — $19.6 — —
Postage — — 2 — 21.6
$936

Sent S Barney 8mo 1800
Order for Books
6 — 1 doz history of the Drs in Ireland by J Rutty in Sheep & letter
6 — ½ doz Journal of the Life of J Banks
1 — one Do. bound in Calf & Gilt
12 — 1 doz Benj Bangs life
5 — Sis Rachael Barclays poems selected by her to promote piety & virtue in young people 12 mo in Boards
1 — 1 do bound in Calf & Gilt
6 — Six Wm Crouchs memoirs bound

paid $4.94½ on Bay

To Benjamin Rotch

I wrote from Boston both by the Galen & Minerva inclosing 1st & 2d of Exchange Thos Rogers Chas D Forrester on C & H Parry Bath dated Demerara Decr 10 1798 for £77.1.8 in favr C D Forrester James Smith Esqr endorsed by them - The 3d I now inclose thee this bill was pd by Capt Ewers toward his settlement of the Fair Lady's acct as noted to thee in my last - after I had closed thy letter Capt Moores reached Boston in hopes of finding Ewers but he had sailed for Dublin by him I found he held him accountable for 3/4 of the Ship which acct for his willingness to settle with me for the Quater thou informed me of she was sold for $4000 & this bill with $968.22 & about $80 expected from a bad debt is what he made the balance due for the 3/4 of ship & earnings

Capt Moores goes on to York but leaves his business to settle with J Andrews on Ewers return expected about two months hence - I hope he will be able to obtain his right but fear he will fail of it

Our company will write thee respecting the Ans Cargo in thy Invoice we have added 6000 whale bone which have on hand we supposed would pay us its cost if any difficulty arises thou may claim it as thine & it may realy be so if thy situation requires it the proceeds we wish in Duchasans hands

30th From our present accounts from Nantucket & York we see a good prospect of making up 150 Tons more Ad. part of which being already engag'd its probable in a week or two we shall be oblig'd to draw upon Duchason for payment £1500 or £1800 will cover our present Contracts we are certain of -

We are now in treaty for the Ship Wreham, if we purchase her which we think now warrantable its probable Js Gwinn will go on her

Jam &c

12 mo 1799 rec'd E Blake Jr letter dated 10th D. & sent him by Stage 1 bureau lamp 2 branches $5 — 1 pr Sconce &c ——— 8 / 13 with liberty to return them if not suited

Benn Rotter 2 mo 21 1800

I have never been able to have settled & come to a settlement with the owners of the Ship President untill yesterday & am very sorry to find that by the great loss in the sale of oil in general the net amount is only $30 due R. Haney his share in the voyage amo to $147.13 the owners bill for supplies &c $34-37 this sum will be left a balance of $112.76 out of which was to come his cloathing for the voyage which we know frequently amo from 60 to 90 $ Rider left his share in the owners hands as a pledge for the debt he owed them & his bill agt Haney and to abt £34 which would more than take all the voyage afterlong disputes upon the subject R.B. who was the particular owner offerd me $30 as the utmost he would do & considering it reasonable that the boys cloathing should be pd for & as he was said to be very bare his cloathing might amo to $82 — I thought it better to settle so than to risk a suit since no justice could be had of Rider had it remained Riders property I should have contended for the whole but on the scale of equal justice I thought it right to settle for this small sum rather than risk the event in Law when Riders bill of clothing might be allowed which would of thrown me out of the whole & made me chargeable for the bill of cost & Bennet is now much a sufferer in this particular case what he allowed to Rider involves him in a loss equal to what he has pd — I hope Haneys parents will be satisfied with this settlement in which I have

done the best I could for them & had it been a
cause of my own I should have given the whole
up rather than I had the trouble I now have had
they are entirely welcome to all this & I only
regret I had not a much larger sum to send
them — Inclosed is the only one I have been
able to obtain from the owners — Being anxious
to forward the money & having no Boston or
NS bills at hand we inclose the à 30 d/ Providence
No. 1926 in favr T P Ives dated 1 Sept which shall be
glad to hear reaches thee in Safety —

Yours &c

Thurston & King

Lahaina 21. 1800

Your letter of 19th came to hand
in course & also one from A. H & Co relative to H D's
affairs & I am surprised that H should insinuate
a possibility of his mustering 8/ in the pound
as it was clearly demonstrated to him that there
was not the least probability of paying more
than 13/4 & only 10/ in property we can calculate
upon as a note of $375 due from D Brown
now in Savannah is very doubtful — Our
house is the largest Creditor am $600 & he owes
me about $600 more we have rec'd none yet
nor are we likely to very soon nor have the
other Creditors but depend upon collecting
poor debts & turning unsaleable property —
I am glad I judge all came out to Henry's
calculation as it leaves you & all Co in as
good or better situation than any of his
Creditors here — Name of H & Co expect to
obtain interest if it is charged it will
operate against his & Co being antecedent
thereto as far as I have knowledge of them
I wish you to hold the note for $226.31 for
collection please to inform A & Co of this
statement & they with yourselves may be
assured that they shall share equally with
ourselves this Co here as far as shall be in
my power —

Yours &
W R Jr

153 Dear Uncle
Frances Ratch

4 mo 29. 1800

Hearing of thy return to England last fall gives me an opportunity to transmit to thee a statement of thy acc on my books as also on those of our company — When thou gave the order to my father for the amount our bro the probability was that when thy matters were all realized & I had rec from D Jarvis the sum agreed to for this note for $1800 & I should be in Cash for the amount thereof but my application to D have yet been fruitless he is very much embarrassed, but has promised on the sale of his wifes farm at Secont he would pay it that farm is now sold & if he does not pay the money this Spring I intend calling upon the Doctor as their joint note is yet in my hands —

After a very tedious law suit WR & I have obtained payment for the Seal Skins thou was interested in & have to thy C & S then for offered it to me as thy agent but preffering its remaining in their hands until I had thy direction it has very lately been transfered to the books of our company in order to accommodate thee therewith in England at thy choice, by the statement of our two accounts herein thou will find balance due thee $ and as my brother BR is owing the house I shall by this conveyance direct him to pay the amount unless thou gives some other direction

As soon as I receive of D I shall follow thy direction as to its disposal — Our family are all in usual health except myself being frequently afflicted with the Rumatism — I have long wished to know if thou had any recollection in the object in view in my Grand father &

I Respect attering the south line of the first 10 acres
purchase in this town near the old Try-house the
old line on the S. Side was one course until it came
nearly to that Tryhouse when it turned to the
No. to the ledge & thence the old course to the River
which strikes about 100 Ft S. of the end of the wharf
the new line set off 12 Rod west of the Tryhouse
& running little northerly the deed expressly says
"so as to strike high water mark in Rod south
of the old line thence the same course into
the River Continuing the same course it
approaches the wharf & at the end comes
within about 25 ft we can see no object to
be gained by the change adequate to the
loosing the ~~premises~~ priviledge of water
& conceive the design was to secure one more
priviledge of water if than can throw any
light upon the subject it will be very
acceptable — ~~Thine~~ Yours &c

Leonard Jarvis Plymouth 1800

From the information
& encouragement I have had since my
last Spring and also since to my friend
& Barber I had reason to expect some
accommodation relative to my unfor-
note signed by Leonard and myself but
hear nothing that is likely to produce
the issue of that business it is with
reluctance I inform thee that I have
my minds possession under to resort
to the Laws of my Country for the
redress that the most amicable & repeated
solicitations have denied me — $1000 please
in our hands towards a payment
of a part of this Principal I have
apprehended (the to go into B.'s hands)

155 war Leonard property has recently been
called for the exportation of this sum
communicated to him I hoped would
have induced thy exertion if it really
was £ to obtain its transaction towards
paiyment of the note — Consistent with
my duties present standing & my own
duty as his agent — I cannot longer
delay bring the business to a close
And I think 6 or 8 years protection
since it devolved on me is sufficient
proof of the reluctance I feel at taking
the steps that I feel necessary
I am with due respect thy affe thd
respectful friend &c
James White 12mo 6. 1800
The bearer E Bourn being
about forming an establishment in
Savannah in the line of Stationary
& a bookstore with a Library goes
to Boston to make part of his collection
and not having any acquaintance
in that branch of business I
have taken the liberty to recommend
thy store to him, hoping that we
may be able to accommodate him in
such a manner as to encourage
a future trade to mutual advantage

To Samuel Phillips Esqr. New Bedford 8mo 23. 96

Annexed thou has our Acct. Sales of 20 Bundles Sheathing Paper rec'd. last 12mo via Nantucket also our Check on the B Bank for $35.96 Wch'd thou'l

The last parcel of Paper say 44 Bundles came duly, & is now all engaged for two Ships, and there being three Ships to be Sheathed within two or three weeks, & to answer the demand, (if convenient) we should be glad of a further supply by the first conveyance, if it should not be convenient thy early information will be acceptable —

Our W R Junr having embarked a few days since for Halifax, we take the liberty of informing thee, that his business in future will be transacted under the firm of W. & R. Rotch Junr & Co whose attention to thy future commands will not be lessened by the addition to the former firm — we are &c —

To Edmund Prior 8mo 25. 1795

Inclosed thou has our W R Junr an acct with Saml. Ward & Brothers Balance due them $24.46. which sum with thanks would pay & Debit his acct for — We are thy friends &c

To Hicks & Daughty 8mo 27. 1795

Inclosed you have 9 mo. of one Box Ribbons & Capt. Wetan Haviland, which you will please to receive & dispose of, for acct of W. Rotch Junr — we wish you to try them at private sale, & if you find a market for them, rather than they should not sell, you may discount 20 or 25 ₱ Cent on the 9 mo. you'll please to use ~~the~~ your judgment therein, & if they will not command that, please inform us what you suppose they are worth & whether they would do better at auction than private Sale — We are yours &c

To Joseph Hussey 8mo 27. 1796

We wish thou would purchase 2 Tons of good Hemp on the best terms thou can, perhaps it may be had on as good terms by paying half down & the remainder in 30 or 90 days, as if prompt payment was made, which will best suit — & ship it immediately for this place if any conveyance, if not please to ship it via Nantucket by the first Vessell that goes, we wish as much dispatch to take place in getting the Hemp here as may be — the rigging beg wanted & our stock of Hemp is quite exhausted Please to place the amt to our account —

Thy early information wh: way the Hemp is shipd will be acceptable — We are &c

To Hicks & Daughty 8mo 29. 96

Inclosed you have Invc & Bill Lading of 50 Boxes Candles Shipd by Wistar Haviland, & wish you to dispose of them for the best terms you can procure, altho we have no intelligence of their being in demand with you, yet the season approaching when probably the demand will increase, thought best forward this our Invc —

Your [illegible] acceptable favour of 22d came to hand this even & duly notice your information respecting the state of your market relative to the demand for Hemp & Iron — Our Ship from the Baltic has not yet arrived —

observations respect the Cap of their Partner BD but have note time to copy them — We are &c

To Gibbs & Channing 8mo 29: 1796

Your esteemed favour of 27th inst to our W. R Junr (who is now absent on a Journey to Halifax) came duly to our notice, & in reply to its contents, have to inform you, we will supply you fifty Boxes Candles at fifty Cents p pound, with customary allowance for the Boxes &c here & we presume to say, that we believe to be superior in Quality to those made from Sperm taken by Ships — they command 53 Cents in Boston & are in good demand you may have them payable in four months — Jam s

To Joseph Hussey

Annexed thou has Invc & enclosed Bill Lading of 100 Boxes Spermd Candles p Schr Diana J Bemuda Master, which thou will please to receive & dispose of on the best terms thou can, for our acc.

Weare &c

To Gibbs & Channing 9mo 1796

Your Esteemed favour came duly to hand & agreeable to the contents have shipd on board of Sloop Polly Phillips Master Mr fifty Boxes Spermd Candels for your acount p inclosed Bill Lading & annexed Invoice amounts to £786.50 which we have Debited your and for payable in Six months agreeable to your request altho longer than our usual Custom

Weare &c.

To Joseph Thebaud 9mo 20 96

Thy esteemed favours of 29th Ult & 7th inst are now before us The former requesting us to have in readiness a Whale Boat, knees & Boards for Capt Mc Kenzey which we had procurd their not being time to build a Boat we borrowed a new one Just completed which are to replace by the one now building & when that is accomplish we shall be able to ascertain the amount of supplies to Capt Mc Kenzey thine of 7 inst requesting a further supply of sundry Articles was duly attended too & could all have been in readiness for the Vessels departure the next day after her arrival here but the deficiency in her Crew of a boat steerer occasioned a detention until 18 inst & on the 19th she sailed & would have gone clear of the land had the Capt thought her sufficiently Ballasted

but he did not, & in the afternoon he beat back & anchord below where he is this day takeing in more Stone Ballast 22 Capt McKenney is now in readiness for sea & will improve the first fair wind after looking one of three days continuance which we very much regret

We are &c.

To David Anthony 9 mo 23. 96

Thy two favr of 13 ult & 14th instant is duly at hand the former accompanying 6 Cs Lime amot £12.50 which stands to thy Cr on our Wrs Books & the payment to Bank shall attend to have duly Credited also — Thou haveing made Sales of most of our Candles determin us to Ship by this Conveyance 50 Boxes & of which thou has Invoice above, we wish the to dispose of them on the best terms thou can, for our account. the demand is very considerable ~~demand~~ in Easton & none Philena gaes under 53/100 in Phila they are much higher. N York Market is looking upward for 50/00 — we are &c —

To Saml Leonard Esqr 9 mo 24. 96

Being hourly in expectation of the arrival of a Ship frm St. Petersburg with a cargo of Bar Iron & other Russia Goods & hearing that thou art concerned in a Rolling and Slitting Mill & in the practice of makeing use of a considerable quantity of Bar Iron, we take the liberty of informing thee, that should thou be in want of this article we shall be happy to serve thee with almost any quantity & flatter ourselves that it will be in our power to supply on as good termes as thou can procure it from elsewhere — the fregent pasing of the Brick Vessels to Taunton will enable us to to forward it soon after the reciet of thy orders We are &c.

To Joseph Anthony & Co 9 mo 28 1796

Your esteemed favour to our Wm jun of 5th instant came duly to hand & the two accounts of Sales of oil & Candles amo £2890.32 with the Invoice of Flour & Linseed Oil amo £78.72 therein inclosed shall be duly entered to your and our Books ~ We are sorry to observe the small demand for Oil & Candles with you but as the season advances we are in hopes the demand for these articles will increase

We now inclose Invoice & Bill of Lading of 93 Bbls Strain'd Sperm & Pale Oil & 60 Boxes of Sperm Candles which you will please receive and dispose of on the best terms you can for our interest

You will please to send by Capt Bunker the Articles annexed at foot ~ We are &c

2 Tons Hhds Iron hoops
1 Ton Russia Pierce hoops thiner than Hhds
½ Barrel Browns Crackers } for Family use
2 Bbls best Superfine Flour }
6 70 Gallons Linsed Oil

To Samuel & Miers Fisher 9 mo 28 1796

Your acceptable favour of 9 inst is now before us & observed ~~two~~ that we discovered the two missing Reams of paper soon after Capt Bunkers departure in the manner you observe all of which is duly to your Credit ~ We notice with pleasure your remark upon the probability of the demand for Sperm Candles increasing & altho they have been dull through the summer yet we hope they now meet a ready sale at your Market ~ Your I R F is requested for a Barrell of Winter ~~Pale~~ Sperm Oil shall be attended too our present stock not being of the first quality we shall if Bunker allows time have a Barell

fm Nantucket & send by him but if not shall request it one sent directly fm there by some of the coasters — The quils & Paper came safe to hand & the amt we have placed to your credit they both appear satisfactory & doubt not their proveing so on trial — Our Rusia Cargo has not yet arrived but hourly expected their are a Number of Vessels arrived at Boston fm up the Baltic with Hemp & Iron which has reduced the price of Hemp to $ 280 to $ 290 pr ton but from accounts fm St. Petersburg it is probable that their will not be a large Stock Ship'd to America in which case I hope we shall not be much sufferers by the late arrival of that Cargo Should your market be higher ~~than~~ than ours & Probibility of its continuance we should be obliged by your information Ware &c

9 mo 29. 1796

To Mark Coffin

Thy favr by the Packet came duly to hand and is now before us & observe Capt. Coffins demand on thee & his not being will to make a discount it a little unexpected, tho our WR had made his arrangements to give thee an order on him, it will oblige us if Capt. Coffin can make it convenient to defer his his demand until our WRs return, tho he is expected in less than a week hence, perhaps it will be attended with no inconvenience to him — We are &c

To Salisbury & Higginson 9 mo 29 96

Your Esteemed favour to our WR jun came duly to hand & his absence we think is all that will prevent your meeting an accommodation at the Bank respecting your third note — We are in expectation of our WRs being in Boston next week on his

return from Halifax & where we have lodged a letter 96
for him & mentioned your request therein should that
meet him there you will be able personally to
accomplish the business with him — We are &c.

To Joseph Taylor 9 mo 29 — 96

Thy letter to our W Rotch jun came duly
to hand he being just about embarking for Halifax at that
time prevented his answering it — On whose acct The
Ship Bedford Capt Cornelius Grennell was at St Peters-
burg the 15 of 6 mo (June) takeing on board a Cargo of
Russia Goods, Hemp, Iron & Duck &c & was to sail in all
9th month (July) for this port & which Cargo of Hemp
we wish thou would have Insurance made to the amount
of Seven thousand 300 dollars for his account on the best
terms thou can with such names of the Policy's that in
case of a loss the object of Haveing Insurs made may
not be defeated The Ship is about three or four years old & always kept in ~~good~~ excellent order
& being Coppered (last winter) in London & a very carefull
experienced man that comands her after takeing
into view all these circumstances we presume it
can be done on as good terms as on any ship whatever
She will prove on board 150 tons Bar Iron & is to be filled
with Hemp & some Duck Thy attention to this business
will thy assured Friends Wm Rotch jun & Co
Thou will please observe the Insurance is wanted to be
made on the Hemp only —

Note — Seven thousand Dollars is an am: of Wm Rotch Junr
and One thousand three hundred Dollars is an am:
of John Rowland ——

To W Burroughs 10 mo 10. 1796

Thine of 1st inst came duly to hand and we
are willing the 25 boxes Candles thou had engaged should go at 50 Cents
but as we obtain no where less than 53 except at Newport & Prov-
idence and there are very few on hand but ours we have now given
general orders for none to go at a less price & at that we have a

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demand in Boston as fast as we can convey them there, & had rather hold than sell under — Mosher now carries the 50 boxes as p Invoice which please to hold for 53 Cents — we are &c

10 mo 10. 1796

To John Brown Esq^r

My friends Alex^r & John Hadden & Co of Nottingham have authorized me to make a settlement for a small Invoice of Hosiery Ship^d p Order of Brown & Francis as p Invoice dated 28 June 1792 Amo to Stg £156.10.-

2 years & 11 months Interest to 1^st July 1796 . . . . . 22.16.6

£179.6.6

As they are anxious to have the remittance made them as Speedily as possible, if it is not already done I shall be extreamly glad to further their wishes by thy attention to have the payment made to me as soon as may be - or if more agreeable to thee to give me a Sterling bill for the amount with Interest up to this time, it will be more conformable to my wishes — I shall be glad of thy early reply hereto and by thy request I will forward the Authorities I have rec^d to thy brother Moses that those may be satisfied thereof — I am &c

10 mo 10. 1796

To David Anthony

we duly rec^d thine of 26^th Ult & note thou had sold all the Candles we have not till now had it in our power to send thee any and can only spare 50 boxes which go by Mosher, but as there is a Constant demand for all we can get to the Boston Market at 53 Cents, we wish thee to hold them at that price - we doubt if there are any more to come from Nantucket, & have so few to sell that we have no fears but they will go at that price —

Please inform us what is the present price of Hemp & Iron & what is the quantity expected soon — we are &c —

To Joseph Anthony & Co

10 mo 13. 1796 198

Since our last of 28th ult. by Bunker, we are without any of your favours — Observing lately that exchange on London has been considerably below par with you, and being in want of some remittance to London we request you will purchase a good bill at 30 Days sight for about five hundred pounds Stg on the best terms you can and if an early conveyance presents to England pray be so kind as to inclose one to Thomas Dickason & Co London to be placed to the Cr of our Wm Rotch Junr and send the other bills to us by post — Please also give us your Opinion upon exchange this fall, quoting that of London Amsterdam & Hamburg as we expect to want considerable remittances for a Russia Cargo — Your attention hereto will much oblige your respectful

Lrds W R J & Co

To Edmund Prior 10mo 95

We wish thou would purchase & Ship for this Place by follows 1 Articles

20 Bls Peas — 25 Barrels Flour —
5600 ℔ Ship Stuff or Ship Bread —

To Joseph Hussey 10mo 18. 1795

Thy two favrs of 27th ult & 1st inst are now before us, have duly considered the proposals thou has recd for the Innoc of Medicines, but think the sacrifice is too great, Considering their excellent quality, if not superior to common, which we have no reason to doubt, coming from one of the first Medical Houses in London, to this offer we prefer keeping them a while longer & make a further trial to effect a sale more favourable than this would be — If thou can obtain an offer for them at a Discount not exceeding £50 from Invoice & make the payment at 6 mos date, they paying the Frt & Duties we can consent for thee to accept of it, from good

Persons

We inclose Invc. of 60 Boxes Candles by Jos. Delano who will leave the River the first fair wind, he has signed no bill Lading, but the fr. thau may always, consident to be as customary without particularly mentiond to be otherwise

We wish thau would procure for us, one two or three hundred god white cash Bbl. whenever thou can find conveyance for this place to ship them at a fr. not exceeding six pence ₱ Bbl. at which price J Delano will take some if he is not full —

Shall be obliged by thy information what price Coffee may be purchased suitable for the Hamburg market —

We are &c

Jano 22. 1796

~~Dear Edmund~~

To Isaac Hicks

We have been obliged by thy two favours of the 26th & 28th ult and are pleased to find thou has effected the sale of the Box Ribbans — we are glad to find the Candles that accompanied our last will be likely to find a good sale — Our expected Cargo has at last arrived from Russia where the high price of Hemp lessend the quantity we supposed would be shipd that we shall have but little for sale — We have about 150 Tons of Iron which we expect after the glut has passed in Boston will command us here 110 Dollars but as we suppose the great advance in Russia must soon raise the price in this Country we hope a favourable Market will soon open & shall be glad of thy information of your Indiamen will not want & at what price reserving to us the drawback — which we suppose may be obtained by due attention to the shipping it we wish to make

some Sales in order to facilitate a foundation for another 200
ther Cargo next year & as we have a little ballance remain
ing in thy hands for each of our accounts we have purchased
Capt Hawes draft for two hundred & Sixty Dollars at 25 days
after date upon thee Which sum will be what thou
can anticipate upon the sale of the Ribbans We
shall be glad thou will purchace us a good bill either
on London or Hamburg on the best terms thou can
& shall be glad thou would endose them on the former
to Thos Dickason & Co & on the latter to Lubbert
& Dumas to be placed to our Credit — & forward one bill
(the 2nd & 3rd please to forward us) by the earliest Convey-
ance if soon if not send us all please also inform us
what is the preasent Exchange & what is thy pros-
pect thereoff as we may want a further sum as soon
as we can place funds in thy hands We are &c

25. requesting his information whither a good Ship may be purchased on good terms 200 @ 250

To Joseph Ilusey Lo mo 24 1796

We duly recieved thine of 21 and hope
thou will be able to Effect a sale of the medicines on the
terms we proposed We note the price for Coffee should we
conclude to purchace thou will hear soon from us at preasent
it is uncertain — We are obliged by the care of the invoice
of Linens & wish it sent by the first coveyance either
via Nantucket or to this place — att a time thou wrote
our Mr Jun velative to thy bond in the Custom house Col
Pope was applied to & being thenon the point of going
to Boston promised he would take the certificate &
deliver it at the office he will however apply for it &
have it sent on — please inform us if any Ship is
up for Hamburg & what is the freight to that for Coffee
should thou know of any very good ship not exceeding

18 months old from 200 to 250 Tons to be purchased on very good terms we shall like to be informed as we have some thoughts to purchace one for the European Trade Ware &c

To Lubbert & Dumas 10 mo 24 1796

As we are makeing arrangments for some remittances to Europe for the purchace of a Russia Cargo at Petersburg we have taken the Liberty to order several small remittances to be made to your addres one from Dunkirk of £400 or 500 Stg a few hundred from newyork & perhaps others from some other places And we have to crave on your receiving any sums either on the name of our Mr Jno or on our name that you will immediately authorze our friends Thomson Peter Bonar & Co of Petersburg to avail themselves thereof as they may from time to time reach you We shall be glad to hear from you the price of Whale Bone & Whale Oil by as early coveyance as yow can find & also if should we remit you Coffee Oil or other productions what part of the Value you will allow us to avail ourselves of by drafts upon from our said friends at Petersburg Ware &c

10 mo 24 1796

To Thos Dickason &c

Since my last of 7 mo 27 I am favoured with your obleging ~~favour~~ letters of following dates 13 July 6 Augt & 14 of Sept & am much obliged by your petersburg business both forwarding me information respecting it and also indulging me with a credit beyond my funds which the unexpected rise of goods in that contry rendered necessary contrary to my expectation and wishes for had

for Wad Thomson & Co duly weighed my instructions they would have limited the shipment to the egagements of the Charter party & to the funds I had provided I however have a prospect of doing pretty well or at least to make a saveing Cyrennel haveing safely arrived on the 14 Inst after a very long passage I have noted your several payments for Acct of that cargo amounting as p^r yours of 6 Aug^t to £5967. 13. 7 and further for Sound duties p^r yours of 7 Sept^r £48. 10. 6 Also note Parish & Co haveing drawn on you £18. 3. 8 which I did not expect as I remitted them a bill upon themselves for £1000 ~~stg~~ with request to pay the order of Thomson & Co they have informed me in their letter dated 20 July that their drafts had settled the transaction but as Thomson & Co had requested them to value upon you if my funds had not reached them the I conclude the 8000 Rs exceeding the 12400 MB they had credited me for the bill & perhaps might suppose the excess did not respect me doubtless they will explane it I shall discount with my brother Thos Rotch £476. 13. 2 the sum you have placed to my credit & with your approbation 203. 17. 9 due from you to Capt David Swain as mentioned in my last with £133. 8. 3 for Acct Capt Hawes which his letter now inclosed will confirm all these sums leave me still in your debit which I hope will be soon remembered by a bill I have requested my friends Jos Anthony & Co to remit you as soon as possible

Having since I wrote you last formed a Connection in trade with my late pupil Wm Barker our business now moves under the firm of Wm Rotch jun^r & Co & as it is our intention to make a further trial of the Russia trade. We shall be glad to pass our funds through your hands & shall be obliged by your assistance to our Credit when

ever it may be nessary — on this subject our house will have soon occasion to write you to which please to be vevered — I request you will on Closeing my Acct at the end of this year transfer the balance to the Acct of our new firm Sam & Jno W Rotch

To David Anthony 10 mo 25 1796

We duly recieved thine of 17 inst & are obliged by thy information relative Russia Iron & hemp our enquiry was not with a view of purchaseing but to guid us in selling haveing a Cargo Just arrived

Our W Rotch Wishes to have only half a dozen of Greenes Cheeses this year haveing a large stock of his old cheese on hand if he could send them soon it will be very agreeble as he is in want of some next for present use

We now send thee 6 Casks of Strained Oil We should have sent it in less casks than two of them but it was not of so good a quality perhaps the retailers may take them between two or draw them off We are daily expecting a Whale Ship when thou may expect some Whale Oil — Our W Rotch will depend upon thee for 2 firkins best of butter & 6 Barrels of best cider including what has been wrote for please send by Allen 4 Casks best Lime

Ware &c

To Seth Burther 10 mo 25 1796

We recieved thy letter & have been too much engaged to reply to it before this time the high price our hemp has cost & the probability of its raising has induced us to fix not sell it Less than £88 ₰ Ton at that price we have sold Sam[l] Ridde 3 tons & have now put two tons on board the packet for thee if it is agreeble to thee payment to be made in 90 days or sooner if thou can make it convenient and should we want any lines for thee will give thee

notice at preasent it is doubtful — If not agreeble 204
to thee to take thee Hemp my Brother Rodman will
take charge of it — what Hemp we put in store which
is but about 12 tons we expect to hold for $300 or more

Wave &c.

To Benjaman Allen 10 mo 25 1796

Thy Letter of 17th we have duly recieved
it was our intention to offer thee & brother our Greetings
but haveing but about 25 pieces on hand neglected it will
be agreeble to us to part with them at what we under-
stand they sell at in Boston (say 16 dollars) and should you
like to have them it will be agreeble to us to send
them to you payment to be made on 20 third month
next when we have a considerable sum of money to
raise. Interest after the usial Boston credit should
this meet your view it will be necessary to notice us
soon that we may send them by first Vessell which
do not occur at this season so frequent as more early

Wave &c

To Jos Anthony & Co 10 mo 29. 1796

We wrote you on 13 & omitted to advise
of our dft in favour of J Mayhew for $500 - since which we
have drawn the following bills in favour of Jno Mayhew
Viz on 25th at 5 days 500
" — do — 600
" — do — 400
26 — do — 500
$2000. All which bills we
crave your Acceptance
of & placing to our Act when paid —

Please procure & send by an early conveyance
to this or Nantucket ab.t 100 Stout hoops ab.t 2 In. Wide &
from 9½ to 12 feet in Length Viz.t 40 of 9½ 20 - 10½ 20 - 11
& 20 - 12 feet —

We are —

205 To Joseph Taylor 11mo 1 1796

We duly recieved thine of 5 Ult & where satisfied with the Insurance upon the Bedford both as to the names & premium — the latter we are pleased with an opportunity of paying — Inclosed is our Check on the Branch Bank for $ 255 50/100 amount of premium & policy We shall desire some of our friends to call at the Office to take the policy

Ware &c.

~~To John Brown~~ 11mo 2d 1796

~~I duly recieved thy~~ favour of the 20 Ult & hope by this time thow has

To N & B Bleby 11mo 5 1796

Move in our bill of 20 pieces Sheeting put in five Flour Barrels marked MBA Lynn Shipped for Boston by Schooner Suky Capt Robert Hathway who sailed on the 3 inst & we hope is nearly arrived — Jon Card has come fm Nantucket with his furniture & expects his family next week he consents to take the two young men a two dollars & a half pr week on trial & we doubt not will make it answer very well — Capt Hathway will probably be returning here on a short time which may make a conveyance of the necessary meterials

Ware &c.

To Tho Dickason & Co 11mo 5 1796

Our WR Junr wrote you on the 24 & 25 Ult & in the last inclosed you David Grieves Bill on Philip Sansom for £ 99. 18. 2 at 30 days the second bill has also been forwarded — We now inclose you Robert Gills draft on Neill Malcolm in your favour for five hundred pounds Sterling at 30 Days dated Phila

29 Dctr which sum you will please to pass ~~—~~ to the 206
credit of our W R Junr ~ We are in expectation of a ship
frm the Spermt Fishery should she arrive in a short
time & successful we hope to make you a Shipment
of Spermt Oil (now sold here ~~for~~ a £220 pr Ton) as we
cannot but doubt its riseing with you if the expected
war with Spain takes place ~ It is our intention to
Center what funds we can conveniently remit through
Your hands for another Rusia Cargo and have to request
you will give Thomson Peters & Co at Peters burg credit
for what ever you may recieve and it will oblige us
if you will favour us with your credit to them for
five hundred pounds whenever they recieve our Orders
not yet gone forward ~ And as fast as we see the way
for remitting you we shall request your further indul-
gence ~ in all which cases we hope you will find
us strictly punctual in fulfilling our engagments
The late glut of Rusia Goods beginning to abate
~~&~~ we contemplate an advance that will help our
new Adventure ~ We wish you to send us four Rolls
of thin Sheet Lead and five tons of Iron hoops and
eight thousand Rivets (of tough Iron) We are &c.

To Joseph Hussey 11 mo 5 1790

Thy favour of 31 ult Came duly to
hand by last post the Box of Linens by Captn Delano
have not yet arrived the amount of Expence £31. 4 4 ½
shall duly place to thy credit ~ Thy two sales of Candles
shall attend to have duly debited thy Acct & hope thou
will soon be able to close the sale of the 600 Boxes

207 pr Bennett ~ We now inclose thee an Invoice of 50 Boxes of Candles ship'd on board Schr Suky Captn Robert Hathway who left this port on morning of 3rd for Boston which we wish may also meet a vedy sale we intend shiping thee about 100 Boxes more by the first conveyance which will be all ~~we shall~~ we shall send until our new stock comes in

Some time since we recd frm thee by the way of Nantucket a Role Sheet-Lead no bill having come to hand we conclude it has been omited will thank thee for the amount thereof ~ We expect soon to be under the Necessity of availg ourselves of whatever sum thou may be in Cash for our account We are &c.

To Thomson Peter Bonar & Co 11 mo 7 1796

Our W R Jun^r having informed you of our new establishment we hope for a continuance of Intercours with you in suchamaner as may prove to our mutial advantage ~ It has been our intention to purchase a ship for the Rusia Trade this year but the preasent high price has for the preasent prevented it we shall however be on the look out for one & have determined to make our arrangements to load another ship at Petersburg as fast as we can with ease & covenience and if we do not purchace one have one again taken up in London unless the prospect of that desirable event of peace or some other reason should discourage our friends T Dickason & Co or our W Rs brother Benjaman Rotch now in London from confirming the buisness to thier decesion it will be left and any advice you may recieve from either of them relative to our concerns you will please to follow ~

It is our wish to move with caution and therefore
wish to prevent our European friends from giveing to our
names a further Credit thoughwe see a Prospect of immed-
diate remittance haveing been so far successful in trade
as to enable us to carry on our business with our
own Money we are now unwilling to risk upon that of
another. but we shall soon hope to give you an oppor-
tunity of availing yourselves of two thousand pounds
Sterling to lay out the ensuing winter partly from
our friends Lubbert & Dumas of Hamburg and the
remainder from our friends in London to the former
we have ordered some remittances both from Dun-
kirk & New York & have desired L & D on receiving
it to give you the liberty of drawing upon them
perhaps from our present arrangments £1000 stg may
be expected from them — When you can profit by
those funds you will please to consult the best exchang
& time for purchasing & lay it out in such articles as we
may write for, as will be most for our interest, Omiting
to contract for Iron or hemp but from the Prospect
of a Ship going therefor the other articles may perhaps
be ship'd provided circumstances should so occur as to
prevent our friends from sending one — Should we yet
send a Ship of our own we shall endeavour for a Cargo of
Salt to go to Reval as it is unpleasent to us to have
Ships passing without Cargo's where any thing to advantage
can be done, We shall be obliged by your recommendation
of a House at Rival as also what expence will attend
a Ship stoping there & whether any duty is paid on
Salt to Lefson the price you note of Rs 120 p Last —

Your Opinion relative to a small Cargo of Fruit
from Portugal will also be very acceptable together
with the kinds & proportions that will be likely to
sell well as also if Rival or any nearer port would
not be best for a Vessll with such a cargo to stop

209 at to try the market as also to recieve your advice whether to sell there or go to Petersburg When occasion offers it will be our wish to try a Shipment of Coffee when we can find the right kind. in mean time it will oblige us to be informed of the price it will bear as it is now very high here about 14d Stg pr lbr

The following Articles we wish you to provide when you can do it most to our Interest

10 Tons Hoop Iron for Hogsheads & Tierces from 66 to 100 Inches english long

100 pieces Ravens Duck. 30 prs Drillings
200 prs of Flems Weave &c.
To Joseph Hussey 11 mo 8 1796

Haveing a demand here for some Cooperas we wish thow would send us by the first conveyance for this place one of the largest Hhds either No 8 or 10 in the invoice of Medecins from Mildred & Allen

Shall be obliged when convenient by a bill of the 2 tons Hemp by J Bennett none haveing come to hand Finding ourselves so short of Money we were this day under the Necessity of drawing on thee for 1000 Dollars in favour of the Bank at 10 days sight which by thy Acct & Sales rendered we hope thow art in cash for & will shortly be able to advise us of haveing recd more We are &c.
To Joseph Anthony & Co 11 mo 12 1796

We have had the pleasure of receiving your three obliging favours of 17th 26th & 29th Ult the first & last by Bunker with the Invoice of Hoops &c. & concerning a bill of Exchange for £500 stg Robert Gill Malcolm which we are glad to recieve, and as we are seeking to remit our funds for a Russia Cargo it will be equaly convenient for us to purchase Good bills on Hamburg or Amsterdam as on London & where we can make a saveing

in the Exchange bills at 60 or 90ds may do as well but 210
we prefer at 60 or 30 We have applied to our frds G & C who ask
2½ p Cent at 90 days sight the same bills in Boston are
1 p Cent discount but how far thier Solidity can be estimated
we know not — Being under necessity of takeing a draft
on Philª Robert Nacy on Jacob Shoemaker at 20 days for
one thousand dollars we now inclose it to you for collection
& request you will purchase for us five hundred pounds Ster-
ling or thereabout either on London Hamburg or Amsterdam
on the best terms you can where you think the bills un-
doubted, hope you can obtain them at 60 or 90 days under pad

Should our calls require a little credit we hope for
your indulgence its not haveing been usually the case —

We wrote some time since for a few thick hoops which
we hope will ere long be sent we also wish with them 2
or 3 Tons of thick pipe hoops Bunker brought some of
proper size last trip of his own — F Barker is soon to go
from Nantucket who will be in season for us.

Please inform us the price R Iron will sell at
with you by 10 or 20 Tons by first post —

We are

To Joseph Flugsey 11 mo 19

We duly recieved thine of the 9 & 10
and credit thee $633 10/100 for the hemp & Lead the hemp was for
Peleg & Henry Huttlestone who have promised us to make
provision for the payment When it falls due which is now
near at hand — The charges on the medicines Cg has
nothing to do with, but hope thou will have the sale
of them when thou will recieve thy advances — We cannot
but hope the drugs will sell in course of the winter

We are obliged by thy haveing made provision
for the payment of the $1000 by our booths & examining
the period on the sales, We supposed thou had been some
time in cash and as the scarcity of cash extends to our

211 Neighbourhood we are obliged to exert ourselves to keep up our credit, but yet do not wish thou should be in advance and hope that is not the case but that thou has been so successful to recieve payment as fast as they fell due ~ We note thy last sales have been for 6mo's which is a long credit without some interest which hope thou will be able to obtain in future Sales but we leave thee to do as thou thinks best for our Interest ~ We have recieved the Hogshead of Copperas & empty barrels please to keep us advised of the state of your Oil Market as we daily expect a Ship to arrive please also to send us a bill of the barrels and a Quarter Cask of good Port wine if thou can find it

We are &c.

To

To Isaac Hicks

New Bedford 11mo 22 96

We duly received thy 2 obliging favours of 29th ult & 4th Inst. and note thy observations upon the purchase of a Ship, but as the present appearance of public matters are we think best to suspend the purchase for this season, hoping by another peace may be restored. and we are then persuaded Ships must be low. ~

We shall be sorry the young man who bought the Ribbons should meet with any loss. and wish thee still to extend the Credit to any reasonable time to accommodate him, since thou thinks him safe they are an article we wish to be clear of. and if the price sold at is really more than they are worth, we leave thee to do justice therein, not being free to sell them above their value & we are not acquanted with them ourselves ~

Notwithstanding thou has given us no encouragement, for the Sale of Russia Iron, yet wanting ballast for Kempton, we have put in about 14 Ton, and as our mutual friend E Prior is in the Ironmungrey way, have ordered one half to him apprehending if it must be sold in small parcles,

dividing will hasten the sale, it has been our wish to hold it until 12
it will net us $110 here, but we leave thee to act thy judgment
therein, and if it will do that we shall send more —

We have hoped one of our Ships would be in before Kempton sailed
when we should have sent thee a Cargo of Oil — but as they are still be
hind, whe hasten his departure that his return may be in season for on the arri-
-val of either ~~of the other~~ of 2 daily expected we shall want to send her load to
thee of whale Oil — The Iron may not agree with the number of Bars in
the Invoice, it being put on board by estimation, but Kempton is to deliver
all he has onboard —

11mo 22, 1796

To C Prior

Since our W R forwarded his last of which
the foregoing is Copy, Kempton has concluded to go sooner than was expected,
and as we wish his speedy return hope thou will be able to furnish the arti-
-cles above mentiond, but if thou sees a prospect of considerable saving by
the purchase of the last mentiond Beef Pork & bread being still deferred, we
wish thee to omit it, as the Ship we want them for her not arrived; the
first 50 ℔ Bread 20 bu Beans & 40 bl new flour we wish sent —

Having a quantity of Rusia Iron on hand which we wish to turn
into Cash, we have Shipd about 14 Tons to the Elvira. I wish it agreeable
to the that thou would receive about half of it & sell when thou thinkes
best for our Interest, we wished to have held it to net us $110 ℔ Ton here,
but to leave to thy judgment - and if thou can incourage our sending more
we shall glady do it as soon as Kempton can return — the other half goes
to J Hicks - we have not weighed it out but estimate it by the bars, it
is partlay old & the leser part new Sable both have been proved of very
good quality — If thou can command good barrel Staves we wish for
10 or 15 thousand, but hope they will not be so highs as the last —

11 mo 23 1796

To Joseph Thelaud

Until now we have not been able to furnish the bill of Supplies to Capt M Kensey for anno of which say $91.27 we have drawn this day upon thee for in Favour of Capt J Kempton which we Shall be obleged by thy paying and are they respectful friends

W R & Co

To Peter Roe Dalton 11 mo 26 1796

Thy Care in ~~dis~~ecting for our bill of Exchange of yeterdays date on Nehemiah Stevens Boston for $278.26 at 30 days will much oblige thy friends W R Jun & Co

Anot Capt Wm Dunham

To Ruben Curtis 11 mo 25 1796

Thy favour of 14 Inst came duely to hand and agreeble thereto have shiped on board the Schooner Ruby Capt Dunham for Boston five tons Pig Iron as p Bill Lading here inclosed We shall request Capt Dunham to deliver it to the Vessell thou mentions or put on board of a Kingham Packet bill of which we have anexed We are &c.

To Josephs Hussey 11 mo 26 1796

Since our last of the 19th we are without any of thy favours We should be glad if thou would procure for us Six Firkins of good Butter two of which we wish of the very best quality suitable for table use & on those please to put a distinguishing mark We are in want of a Blank Book suitable for a Ledger which we shall be obliged by thy procuring Viz good paper agreeble to dimentions anexed and foward it by the Stage that will leave Boston for this place next fourth day morning we should prefer one calculated for Dollars & Cents if convenient if not one Ruled in the former method we do not wish one ruled with a Lead Pencil The Butter may come by first conveyance We are &c.

We duly received thine of 15th and also by William Allen Six Hundred Dollars which are to thy credit & if thou will send us his receipt we will return it to him ~ the cheese & cider came also to hand thier amount £30.88 also to thy credit ~

We are disopointed in prospect of the price for butter and wish if it is 16d to send only two Firkins if more only one unless alredy purchased ~ We expect George Atmore will send one or two as usial which please to pay him for it sells in Boston from 9d to 12d ~ We wish thee to sell no candles under 53 Cents as they are quick sale in Boston at that & we have not 50 boxes on hand if they are not soon sold We expect to want those of ours in Boston please to write us what the expence of transportation will be ~ we think to send the more oil when we have any of proper kind ~ please to send us by Phillips a Cask of good 4d nails and also one small 6a 8d nails We are &c.

Providence
To Joseph Tulsey 12 mo 27 1796

As our WR Jun'r did not see thee after he supposed thou had closed the sales of the Drugs we are desirous of being informed whether the sale was confirmed in order that we may write the shippers an account thereof and as soon as thou can furnish us with account of sales we shall be glad to forward them ~ The inclosed letter for E Forbes please to send by the first ship ~ and if thou finds it easy to take hold of 4 or 5 tons more of good Liver Oil not exceeding 15 Dollars pr barrell we will take it on our acct to go in like manner by this Ship ~ we have no information that will warrant the price ~ but as our

215 our object is to place funds in the country we hope it will answer that purpose without loss please to send the inclosed letter by Capt Webber in the schooner Annapolis where our W Bjun derived the box of candels to be sent and in the perticular care of A- Ritchie the owner who goes in her I am &c.

To Edward Forbes New Bedford 12mo 26 1796

Since our WBjun wrote the we have been disapointed in our expectations of the arrival of several Ships from the Fishery whereby our market is yet quite bare of all kinds of Oil and the season is so far hafsee we have very little expectation of sending thee any this winter — unless a small Brig now Loading with about 100 Casks of seed only should conclude to go to Dublin when its probable one of our Ships may return and we may ship a little Whale Oil — By a ship near sailing from Boston we have order about 5 tons of cod Oil shipped by thy address which from thy account together with the distraction of that article by the French Fleet on the Newfoundland Coast we cannot but believe tho late in the Season it will come to Good Market — We wish to avail ourselves of the Proceeds of this Oil in London to answer drafts from Petersburg, and we request thy indulgence to our Friends Thomas Dickason & Co. in London to draw upon for the Amo or if not sold for as much as thou art willing to advance thereupon, whenever our said Drafts may fall due - and we shall request them to defer drawing until thou art in Cash if practicable — we are &c

To Brown & Ives 1 mo 9 1797

Your favour came to hand last week and we are sorry it is not in our power to furnish you with the candles you want but haveing engaged all our old stock

and not having began upon our new which is yet very small we have not a box to dispose of Our Wm Rotch & Sons have some yet on hand in our Manufactory and we conclude would furnish you with the quantity you want on 12 months with interest from delivery a 50 Cents on other terms we believe they would not incline — We shall be obliged by your information on what terms you will supply us with 10 Tons of your best Hope Furnace pigs and when we can receive them at Providence We are &c. n

To Gibbs & Channing 1 mo 12 1797

We duly rec'd your obliging favour of 6th and shall like to have the Head Matter & Oil if of good Quality but a $200 pr Ton for Oil and $300 for Head Matter is the highest price we have ever given & cannot offer you more as we had rather omit the purchase As our W R jr has money in Wm Bourroughs hands he will be obliged by your requesting him to take up his Note to A Sherman which he has been long looking for

To Wm Tillie Sam &c.
New Bedford 1 mo 17. 97

Agreeable to thy request we now send thee by Nath Foster four casks of Spermaceti & Oil as p' annexed bill amount with transportation to $ 314 - 25

We are sorry the weather has not yet been warm enough to obtain any Oil from Head Matter except that kind this is the best we now send thee Not knowing how thou wish us to draw for the money we shall annex an order for the amount payable at 30 days sight which we shall be oblig by thy having accepted — after the bill has passed the

217 Select men & when so accepted please leave it at the Branch Bank for Collection if this is not agreeable please propose some other mode — ready at all times to serve thee we are thy Respectful Friends Wm Rotch Junr & Co

To Peter Roe Dalton

1mo 22d 1797

We crave thy attention to have the inclosed bill of Exchange collected and placed to our credit Viz Jo & Edward Kerby on Elisha Segourney at 30 days for $440 dated Hallifax 19 Decr 1796 in favour of David Greive Endorsed by him to thee — We hope no delay will attend the bill which falls due 6th of next month We are &c.

To Isaac Hicks

New Bedford 2mo 1

Since writing thee on 10th mo 22nd we have made such arrangments that we wish thee to omit purchasing for us any exchange as therein desired — We have this day drawn upon thee in favour of Edmund Prior for $300 which we shall be obliged by thy answering as soon as may be convenient, not having recieved account Sales of the 50 Boxes candels shipd H & Doughty 8mo last we are unable to say how the standing of thy Acct is thou has informed us they were sold & when conveyance presents shall be glad if thou can make it convenient to forward them with Sales of the remaining Parcell of A B Oil — This goes by Captn Kempton who intends going to southard after a load of Corn should he determine to go Thomas Rotch has desired us to request thou would pay Kempton for his Acct Eight Hundred Dollars

Our Ship that we have so long expected from the Fishery has ever been in the Vinyard Sound but the severe & boistrous weather has prver her getting in & obliged her off by Nantucket & even obliged her to leave the Coast for the West Indias hear they fortunately spoke a ship

that Afforded them some relief supplies when they
put away for Charlestown should they be favoured to
get in there safe we shall expect her in all this Month
they had obtained 600 Bar.ls Sperm & about 6 or 800 Whale
Oil if your Market for the Latter should be promising
at the time of her arrival here it is probable we shall
make the a Shipment, of the State thereof when thou
writes please advise us also if thee gains any information
of this Ship Lydia Capt.n Fitch of Nantucket

We are &c.

To Edmund Prior

2 mo.l 97

Inclosed thou has Invoice 40
Boxes Sperm Candels which we hope will meet a ready
Sale also inclosed is our bill on Isaac Hicks for Three
Hundred Dollars thou will observe it is drawn at no
Stipulated sight Should he not be in cash for our Accom.t
when thou receives the Bill we expect he will be able
very shortly to take it up — I Rufus & Sam.l drft on N.t
& Champlin for $500 Cash inclos.d wee.th

To Jereh Hempton

New Bedford 2 mo.l 97

Herewith we hand thee An Acc.t
of our W Rotch Jun.r with Joseph Whitfield ballance thereon
due to him $169 4/100 after adding the interest unto 4 mo 29
next with his order in thy favour therefore this sum
we wish thee to use thy endevours to obtain if thou
can meet Capt.n Whitfield if not please to leave it
with some safe hand where he may be expected
takeing there reciet for the order promiseing to account
with us for what they may collect after hayving
them for there trouble — We want much to get a
sample of Grey Pigs from Fredricksburg where was
formerly made a kind excellent for Castings if thou
finds they are still made there please to get Sorth

Tons if on breaking they are grey somewhat like lead but if they break white & Glassy they will not answer for us — We expect Isaac Hicks will pay thee $800 for and Thomas Botch which with thy freight & 3 Tons of Iron we hope will load the Elvira with corn & staves we shall want good thick staves from 32 to 42 Inches with a proportion of good thick heading therefor from 24 to 32 Inches please to procure Corn of the best quality and a few Bushels of Beans & Pease also a few Bushels of Sweet potatoes if good and like to keep well — please also to bring us from 6 to 8 young swine if two of them should be sows with pig they will be acceptable & if thou can bring our W R[illegible] an excellent new milch cow young that thou thinks preferable to the cows of our Country he will be obliged — Weave &c.

2mo 2. 1797

To Isaac Hicks
via Newport

Capt. Mayhew has informed us that his Son has wrote him thou has refused acceptance to a bill drawn by Allen Shepherd, We feel a little anxious respecting it as we procured the bill of Allen & negociated it with Capt. Mayhew, & though without our endorsement we feel a little responsibility, having obtained payment therefor for acct of Capt. Francis May to whom Allen stands indebted — Shepherd informed us thou had ~~informed~~ given him liberty to draw $2000, and by a late letter he says thou informed him thou should be prepared to meet his Bill, We consequently hope thou will yet have it in thy power to prevent its return, & Shepherd being about to sail for New York with Kempton, says the bill shall certainly be paid —

Rather than T Mayhew should be disappointed, we wish thee if no other way can be ~~done~~ devised between thee & Shepherd, to pay him the money & take his draft on his father, as we suppose thou art in Cash for our acc.t to that amount, & for $300 we have drawn in favr. of E Prior —

We are &c —

To Francis Macy

New Bedford 2 mo 4. 1797

Our W.R. Jun.r wrote thee on the 25th ult.o advising that he had forwarded A.S. T Hazard draft on Isaac Hicks recieved of A Shepherd also informing thee of two other drafts A S had furnished us which we had realized in Cash and waited thy order or a better convey=ance in answer thereto we have recieved none of thy favours, Since which Allen has made a further pay=ment of $470 in Cash which we shall put in the care of Josiah Barker who goes tomorow & request his Transmitting thee —

One of the bills for $500 rec.d of Allen on Hicks has been forwarded and presented to Hicks who hesitated accepting it but conjecture he only did it to procrastinate the payment the extreme scarsity of Money in New York & Phil.a is said to have never been more obvious & the same observation will well apply to our small Town & least these two bills should be returned when we are not prepared to take them up thought it would be best to omit send.g thier amount by this conveyance, untill we hear the fate of the Bills both of which we fear will be returned & for one of them we have made provision on our own Acc.t The extreme difficulty of raising money from Exchange Hicks has mentioned as a reason for his not excepting the Bill when we

221 P. Wm Little New Bedford 2 mo 6: 97

We duly received thy favours of 25 & 31 ult^o and wish thy early care in procuring payment for the Oil which we hope may be accomplished next month as we have a large sum to pay then and are not compleat in our arrangments for it

We have sent to Middleborough for a Team to take the Oil to Boston which will be hartly of the first kind and hope to have it on the way in 2 or 3 days A Vessel is to sail in the middle of the week for Boston by which we propose to send it if disapointed in a Team & not counterordered by thee We are &c.

To Thomson Peters Bonar & Co

2 mo 6

We wrote you under date 11 mo 7. 1796 at which time we had expectation of makeing provision for loading a Ship the present year at Petersburg the extream scarcity of money in this Country havеing mat-erially affected our expected collections we have abandoned the project and have turned our attention to a small speculation which if executed in season will promice us a hansome profite The small quantity of Linseed raised ~~in this country~~ the last season with the great demand for that article in the Irish Market has greatly advanced the price consequently Oil for painters which is only made with us from that seed has become with us both scarce and dear, and having been informed by Capt Ingraham and Grennell that at your market it was last year very plenty and purchased at about a rouble pr English Gallon we have determined to send a small schooner the Elvira Capt Kempton of ~~our own~~ that will bring but about 60 Tons of Oil for a Cargo therefore, we hope

she will sail in all this week for Coruna in Spain with a Cargo of Whale Oil addressed to our Frinds Lagoneve & Co there from whom we expect remittance to such part of Europe as will be convenient for them and put you in the way to avail yourselves of about 12 or £1500 Sterling or if it appears practicable & adviseable take a load of Fruit to the Baltic besides the remittance from that Quater we shall provide at least £1500 Stg more for the Schooners Cargo through our friends Thomas Dickason & Co of London & Lubbert & Dumas of Hamburg and we solicit your early attention to procure us about 60 Tons of best Linseed Oil on the best terms you can which we hope may be as low as last year unless similar orders are alredy gone from America be it as it may we hope no great advance, but doubt not it may be so purchased as to admit a profit here — Capt Ingraham informed us he brought out 100 Casks that he purchased English Porter Hogsheads hoop'd with Iron for a couple pr hhd and had them filled, which perhaps may come cheaper than any other kind of casks they commonly held Oil well if properly Coopered we request your dispatch in procuring the oil ready for the Vessels arrival that she may be detained but a few days and we wish the Iron Hoops heretofore wrote for may be put into the Eliza as also the Ravens Duck and it is probable we shall provide for 3. or 400 pr of Duck hereafter. The Flems 200 pieces we wrote for in our last we wish to keep distinct from the Elizas Cargo. and if you can ship them by a conveyance that will promise thier reaching Boston sooner than the Eliza on reasonable terms we wish them ship'd by the first ship you can send them by. to Boston or Salem and in either case please to inclose the invoice to us but put a copy under cover to M & B Atley Merchants Lynn who will recieve them for our Acct and pass them to the Custom House sooner than we can from here — We hope by an early purchase you will procure the Flems & Ravens Duck on better terms than last year —

223 We find a kind of Ravens Duck came from Petersburg last year at 8½ Roubles which sold well in America a part of that kind perhaps half may do well and if there is a cheaper kind of Ilems we wish you to send half of that kind if you think they will do well for lining Cloth Shoes which is the principle use for them and the shoe makers seek for the thinest kind ~ The Drillings with 8 pieces of best Leached Ilems please to add to the Elvira's Cargo ~

To Wm Little & New Bedford 2 mo 8 97

Agreeable to our's of 6th we applied to Foster to take the Oil down by land and he came with his team ten miles on the road and found the the traviling so bad that he was quite discouraged attempting to take a load which determined us to improve a water conveyance and have this day put two Casks of Oil of the same quality ~~sent~~ of the last sent and one Cask of the kind on board the Schooner Newburn Capt Stoddard of this port who sailed this afternoon for Boston whose bill of Lading is here inclosed as also anexed is our bill of the Oil

We contracted for the transportation of the last Oil with foster for 15 Dollars calculating it to be but a Ton weight it being weighed in Boston exceded that about three hundred for which we have paid $2.25 and includes it in the anexed bill ~ We wish to have the bill passed as soon as may be and that we may be able to command the payment in a short time

We are &c

To Thomas Dickason & Co New Bedford 2mo 10. 1797 24

Since we wrote you on 11 mo 7

our W Rfu has recieved yours of october 7 and has duly pla-
ced to your Debit £133.8.3 for proceeds of Specie placed
to Capt Hawes Cr with you also the Discount with
Capt Swain £201.17 Capt Swain is yet absent when he
returns we shall ~~not~~ remind him to aquaint you of
of his approving our conduct herein ~ We regret that it has
not been in our power to ship you any Sperm Oil this
season ~ Our unfortunate Ship Lydia after a Voyage of 17
months in the 12 mo last arrived at Nantucket Sound
with 75 tons Sperm & 50 Tons Whale Oil took a pilot
& a few fresh Supplies on board from the Island but by a
Violent Gale & excessive Cold was driven to sea with the loss
of 2 anchors & 1 Cable and we since hear has arrived at
Antegua We now hourly look for her but it is too late
to avail ourselves of your market ~ Joseph Anthony
& Co inform us they have sent you thier bill on George Barclay
for £500 at 90 days sight sent by the William Penn who was
to sail early in the 12 mo the third bill we now enclose
you which please to place to our Credit at Maturity ~

We are contemplated a small Cargo from Petersburg of Linseed
Oil & Linen's for which purpose we are sending our Small Schooner
Eliza Capt Jeveh Hempton of about 80 Tons burthen with a
Freight of Whale Oil to Spain or Portugal thence to take a
Cargo of Fruit to Petersburg For an addition to her Cargo
we are making provision and wish you to give Thomson
Peters Bonar & Co liberty to draw upon you for Funds that
may be expected to find thier way into your hands and
for no more than you see that prospect ~ We found our
expectations on the following sources ~ We have ship'd to
Edward Forbes Dublin 5 Tons of Codfish Oil and request him
if sold to remit the proceeds to you if unsold to advance
what sum he is willing thereupon at such time as will mee

225 the payments of the drafts ~~at~~ from Petersburg
Thomas Hazard Jn having recieved full approbation from
Homberg & Homberg freres for you to Credit him about £3298
on account of the long delayed Bill remitted for his Acct, he in-
forms us he has sent you an extract from thier letter by which
he hopes you will at least indulge him therewith and that
sum with the ~~total~~ proceeds of 10 Tons Whale Oil and 5 tons Sperm shipd
to Dunkirk by the America Capt^n U Swain in fall of 1795
& ordered into your hands he informs us he has requested of you
to place to our Credit — Our W Rs brother Thomas Rotch
has expectations of about £250 through the latter channel fm
Dunkirk which he will also request you to place to our
Credit he being with Samuel Rodman also concerned with
us in the Russia Adventure — the latter it is probable
will provide through your hands for a portion of the
Necessary funds — those resources with the £500 on Barclay
will be adequate to our expectations with what remittance
we have made through Homberg — In an agency for A.
& J Hadden & Co Nottingham we remitted them Samuel Blagges
bill on you for £183 or near that sum in 12 mo last the
unfortunate situation of Blagge a short time after has
made us fearful of the event of that bill your P D Jn
informed us he had funds in your hands and we cannot
but hope the bill will meet due honor when you write
us we shall be obliged by your information on this Subject
We beg your care in forwarding the inclosed to Peters-
burg our original has gone Via New York
Thomas Hazard Jn requests you will pay 1/9 to the
American Post Office portage of a letter they politely took up
& sent him We are &c

To Joseph & Anthony & Co New Bedford mo 11 1797

We have duly received several of your obliging favours during the winter and regret that it has not been in our power to forward some Oil early in the season as well as the present moment but the only Ship we depended upon after her arrival in the Sound has been driven to sea after parting both cables and gone to the West Indias we daily look for her and if on her arrival we do not find ourselves to late shall make a Shipment to you of common Oil at this time we have no Sperm Oil fit for your Market during the cold weather

We received your bill for £500 on Barclay & Co and are obliged by your attention thereto we are now fully furnished for our remittances to Europe and request no further care thereabout It was very fortunate you ship'd the hoops by Earl as they came in good season to us — you greatly forwarded our buisness by sending the bill forward to Dickason as our Navagation has been ever since till lately interrupted for your care there in please to accept our thanks We have examined your accompt current with our W Rs and find it right except you omitted to credit us sale of 8 Barrs of Oil pr Sales dated Apl 16 amounting to $481.82 which makes our ballance $3915.55 which if you find right please to add thereto Yours of 18 Ded covered Sales of 21 Co Oil which accounts for all our shipments except 60 Boxes Candels and 13 Co Oil by Bunker his last trip which we hope are all sold and when you can convey us the sales we shall be obliged please to accept our thanks for your kind offer of obliging us with a credit if we should stand in need fortunately we have had it in our power to limit our buisness to the power of our

~~of our~~ Collections otherwise in the present extream scar-
-city of money and Shipwreck of Confidence we had been
liable to great inconveniences we are however so short
of Cash that if you are in Cash for the last sales and
can remit us a draft on the Branch Bank for $500
it will be a great ~~conuenience~~ accomodation to us and we ~~have~~ further
to request if our frd Phillip Wanton should draw upon
you from Alexandria for $300 that you will honnor his
drafts ⁓ please send us by Bunker 6 bbls good Middlings
10 bbls common and 4 bbls Superfine Flour all of best quality
please to give by post the earliest information of your
prospect for Oil and if Oil (Whale) in small casks will
do best at your Market Weare &c

New Bedford 2 mo 11

To Samuel & Myers Fisher

We hope no delay has prevented
our receiving payment for the notes taken for the remit-
tance made you for Acct of of our W R Js due ⁓
Whenever you are in cash if you can send us drafts
on the branch Bank it will be very acceptable as
money is extreamly scarce if no such drafts can be sent
and you are now in Cash ~~to~~ we shall be glad to have
five hundred Dollars sent by Bunker ⁓
We have been succesful ~~we have been~~ in not
being much in debt in the deranged time but have
a payment to make 25 next month for which we
have made ample calculation but so greate is the
breach of confidence even with those who profess punc-
tuality that we are not without our fears of being
disapointed Weare &c

To Laogonere & Co New Bedford 2 mo 13

Being indebted to our mutual friend Col Watson of Marblehead for your address we have taken the liberty of consigning to you our Schooner Elvira Capt Jereh Kempton with a small cargo of Whale Oil consisting of Casks as pr Invoice & bill Lading which we hope will find a Market in your neighbourhood in season to facilitate our plan of availing ourselves of the Value thereof at Petersburg either from your remitting to some part of Europe where our Frds Thomson Peters Bonar & Co of Petersburg may draw or by Vesting a part thereof in a Cargo of Fruit suitable for the Baltic Market — We solicit your attention to this small cargo in finding a market therefor as you may think best and we are not without hope it will pay us a freight and some profit and should you think it most adviseable to suspend the sale on account of the season of the year, we must request your indulgeng us with as much advances thereupon as may be consistent with your common custom yet we had raither have it sold even at a small freight than to have it on hand and for you to be in advance — Should you see no prospect of a sale for it and can recommend some other port in Spain where it will command a market we shall be obleged by your recommending some of your friends to Capt Kempton at such place as you may think best or if you know that Oil will be admitted at Lisbon and that it will sell at a tolerable price it may suit our purpose for the Vessel to go there as we wish her to go to the Southward to procure a load of Oranges & Lemons and we suppose Lisbon will be as favourable a market for fruit as any we know of —

On your receiving the Cargo we request you to advance Capt Kempton in such way as you think best property sufficient to Load the Elvira with fruit at Lisbon or Ste Ubes

or such other place that you may advise and to fill his deck with Cork unless circumstances should so occur that he will not have a prospect of arriving in the Baltic for a tolerable market in that case we wish him to take a Cargo of Salt at St. Ubes Oork or to take part of a load of Salt and fill up with fruit as may appear best in all things therein he will take your advice and we beg leave to confide in your Judgment therein — We wish for the Elvira to be early in the Baltic on and of her outward cargo which we wish to have early to arrive here and so small a Vessel aught not to be after the summer Months in crossing the Atlantick this way —

Should Portugal be still at war with Spain & France we apprehend thier Navagation will be so obstructed that the opportunity will be favourable for a good Market for the Fruit at Petersburg thier Vessels we understand have been accustomed to supply that Country & should it appear probable that our Vessel will not be in season for a good Market we had rather take only in part Fruit & the remainder in salt — We have been thus particular that you may be fully posesed of our Ideas and then we leave you to act as you think best for our interest as to advising Capt.n Kempton how to proceed and after provision being made for the second Cargo whatever may be remainin of the net proceeds of the Oil if sold or that you are willing to advance we crave your early ~~attention~~ information to Thomson Peters Bonar & Co. on whom they may draw and that you will make provision to answer thier drafts — We shall be pleased to hear from you on the reciept of this letter communicating your prospects of the cargo and also what quantity of Oil will find a Market either at Corunna or any neighbouring

port our chief busness here being in the Fishery we should wish to supply that Market please also to inform us if you have any demand for Whale bone what quantity will sell and what price it bears also what kind suits best either in the Slab or Cut & Cleaved suitable for Umbrellas or any other ~~kind~~ size ~ Any perticulars you can give us on this subject we shall be glad to hear. Our bone is from 7 to 8 feet Long ~

(20) By what we learn from Nantucket another small cargo of Oil is about to go to Corrunna but we hope the Elira will be the first in, in which case hope you will be able to close the sale before the Market is overdone ~ should the cargo be stored be it is sold we think it will want great attention of Coopers as it is just out of a Ship & the winter does not dry the Casks enough to put them in good order we request your care herein as the warm weather approches and if it is stored to have it put in a Celler but we hope a better Market than to lay on hand ~ We shall be pleased to hear from you on the Eliras arrival with your prospects &c ~

Altho our relatives Samuel Rodman & Thomas Protch are interested with us in this adventure your letters to us will equally serve their purpose We are

To David Anthony

2 mo 23 97

Thine of 21 inst came safe to hand this evining and its contents were truly satisfactory the extream scarcity of cash in our little Village renders it very difficult to effect many collections which induces us to request thy sending $1000 by the return of the bearer Peleg Howland either in U S B bills or Gold if thou can obtain the former it will best serve our purposes ~ We are &c.

231 To Mildred & Allen 2 mo 14. 97

Since our W Rjd wrote you our endevours have been used to find a Market for the Invoice of Drugs both in Boston Providence & Newport in Boston our friend Joseph Hussey who has had the care of them has been indefatiguable in his search for a Market and haveing 3 months ago or more had the best offer the length of Credit induced us to put it of in hopes of doing better but seeing no prospect of that and being perswaded that at auction they would not command more than half thier Value we have thought best to order thier Sale which terms where discounting nearly £100 Stg from the Invoices and pay the freight and Impost on twelve months credit ~ the net proceeds as per Acct Sales inclosed being $1931.43 we hope in due time to be able to remit you ~ We are extreamly sorry for the loss you will sustain by this adventure and cannot but blame the author of it ~ We could wish to find that he had remitted you what has been long due if otherwise and you will please to authorize it we shall do our endevours to obtain payment which step we think will be prudent if not done but we do not wish you should give any hint in your letter of this proposal Whatever services we can do you shall gladly be rendered & free of expence ~

We are sorry that it was not in our power to have saved you a Commission upon the present Sales for could we have sold them ourselves considering the loss you have sustained we certainly should not have Charged you any ~ By our last accounts late in last Month our dear frd J Wigham & M Routh where in the neighbourhood of Phila in good health our W Rs sister Lydia still continues with the latter ~ We are &c

To Jereh Kempton New Bedford 2 mo 14 1797 232

Thou being Master of the Schooner Elvira and haveing communicated to thee the plan of our Voyage to Europe much depends upon the execution thereof with dispatch & expedition we therefore recommend every exertion in thy power at every port thou may have occasion to go to not regarding a little expence in hireing men to discharge the cargoes & to load and we hope from the arrangments we have made & advice given to our Correspondents that no longer time will be required than that that is sufficient to do the business of the Vessel

The first Port is Corrunna in Spain where we have addressed the Cargo to our frd Lagonere & Co on whom we rely for advice how to proceed and unless the Market proves very bad there for the Oil we wish them to sell it but if they know of any better one in their Neighbourhood or know that Oil will be admitted at Lisbon and will there Comanand a better price we have left them at liberty to send it to such place but for fear of Disapointment we hope it will be sold at Corrunna not haveing much expectation of profit but wishing to make a Small freight & to increase our Funds for a Cargo from the Baltic has been our inducement to ship it we are however not without hope it may turn out profitable our next object is to procure a load of fruit suitable for Petersburg and the advantge in that will much depend upon being early there as the Market is frequently glutted but as the Portuguese are commonly the first Vessels there Navagation be interrupted by the war in Europe it will increase the probability of our doing well we depend upon our friends Lagonere & Co to furnish thee with the means of procuring a load of fruit and we submit to their advice whether at Lisbon St Ubes or elsewhere was there sufficient time we Suppose St Michaels in the Western Islands would be the best place but we suppose it will be too late to return thier we have been informed that Oranges & Lemmons are the best kind of fruit for Petersburg and much the largest part Oranges 2 thirds or three Quaters at least but of this it is likely thou can gain better information than we can give thee and after filling the hold we advise putting on as much sheet Cork upon the Deck as thou can stow procure the thickest Cork thou can

233 purchase as we understand that is the most in demand
at Petersburg — Should thou meet with Disappointment
in procuring fruit which we dont expect Load with Salt
or take such part Salt as will load the Vessel with filling
up with fruit — Cork can be obtained both at ~~St Ubes~~ Ubes
& Lisbon but we apprehend St Ubes Salt will answer best
for that Market — Be very careful in Seeing that the
fruit is in good order and well packed and that thou suffers
no imposition therein — and obtain letters or the names of
such Merchants as may be relied upon from Lagoneve & Co

As it will be ~~nesp~~ necessary with fruit or Salt that
the Decks be tight have them Caulked as soon as possable
on thy arrival at Corunna that no delay may take place
after thee Loading the second Cargo make the best of thy
way to Petersburg or Cronstadt there apply to our frd Thomson
& Peters Bonar & Co who will reciere the Cargo and furnish thee
with another Cargo for our account but if thou art obliged
to take Salt thou must stop at Revel to land that as it
is prohibited at Petersburg and there thou may expect to
find letters from Thomson Peters Bonar & Co by finding who
their correspondents are follow their directions & be as expe-
tious as possable in discharging and going on to Petersburg
We shall request them to obtain Liberty for the to go up
to the City with the Vessell but as thou cant come down
Loaded perhaps thou can save half the expence of Lighterage &
with one Lighter fill up at Cronstadt ~~by~~ thou may expect
to find thier directions at Cronstadt by applying to Booker
their Broker We hope thou will not be detained more than
10 Days at Petersburg & Cronstadt be sure there to see that
the decks are tight we think it best to fill up the run
with linens Viz Sail Cloth Sheeting &c. but be sure to
denage well we expect 10 Tons of Iron Hoops part of them
will do well in the bottom of the Run put mats upon them
before the linens are stowed and put up a partition that
no Oil shall get to them as we know there is a Danger

of Fire from Vegetable Oil being put upon Linens Goods
put mats also on the top of of the Linens and carefully
attend to have the Cabbin & Sturage floor Caulked and know
that it is tight the remainder of the Linens we think
will be safer in the State Rooms than in the hold as
we deem a single decked Vessel unfit for such goods on so
long a Passage altho we hope thy exertions will bring thee
home in the summer months ~ We have ordered 200 pcs
Elems or Sheetings shipd to Boston if they should be put
on board the Elvira as they will be Landed there they had ben
come in the State rooms or Cabbin ~ We wish thee to return
to Boston where thou will probably find our Orders with
Jos Hussey or James Andrews ~ We expect the Vessell to be
filld up at Petersburg with Linseed Oil which we hav
ordered purchased see that the Casks are in good order & well
stowed we hope it will come in good Porter Casks which
was then 31d stg & Oil was about price pr Gallon
Should the Whale Oil be stored in either Corunna or
Some other port impress the mind of the merchant
of the necessity to have it well Coopered as the warm
weather will occasion much Leakage without great
care & have it stored in Cellar ~ but rather than
be disopointed in the property of this Cargo at Peters-
burg in a load of fruit & bills either by the sale
of the Oil or advance thereupon we had raither the
Oil was sold at the invoice or even less which
thou will if necessary communicate to Leagonere & Co
dont omit writing us by all opportunities ~
Wishing thee a pleasent Voyage & safe return
To Joseph Anthony & Co 2 mo 24 Wearc &c

Haveing recently wrote you
by Bunker we have now only to inclose you Robert
Macys draft on Jacob Shoemaker for $ 601 $\frac{33}{100}$ at Sixty
days which request you will recieve and place to
our credit ~ Our Ship Lydia has not yet arrived
from the West Indias Weare &c

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2mo 18. 1797

To Philip Wanton

By the Sloop Surprise Capt. Hammond we have taken the liberty of ~~addressing~~ Consigning thee three Tons Russia Iron 15 C^t Sash Weights & a few pairs of Iron Dogs, wh^ch desire thou would sell on the best terms thou canst

For want of suitable Iron we have not been able to do much at Iron casting, whenever we can obtain the proper Grey Pig, we hope to furnish the more to our mind, and may shall be glad of thy enquiry whether any of that kind can be had in your neighbourhood, we have heard of pigs of the proper kind from Fredericksburg, & also from Winchester, the latter place we suppose to far to Cart them. - Kempton brought us some which melted easy, but are too hard being almost white on breaking

We hope ere this thou has obtained payment for the 20 Boxes Candles, with which & the present Inv^o we shall be obliged by thy purchasing & shipping us from Hammond from 100 to 200 B^ls Indian Corn & from 10 to 25 B^ls best flour. if the Candles are not sold, hope thou will be able to sell the Iron so as to meet the payment for the Corn, if it should not, not us the Inv^o. — but if thou cannot dispose of it so as to answer this purpose, we have desired our friends D. Anthony & C^o to honour thy draft for our account, for three hundred Dollars & should the Iron be sold & thou art not in Cash for the Candles, & flour is at a reasonable price, thou has our liberty to draw the Bill on Phila^a Sent us the amo^t in flour. Please to attend to the Quality, as we have had poor flour from your Market. but if thou can avail thyself of the amo^t or near it of both the Iron & Candles we wish the draft to be omitted -

We are &c

The foregoing is a Triplicat
to our last the others being forwarded Via London we
hope will reach you in season to enable you to procure
the Linseed Oil for the Elvira Cargo this will be handed to you
by Capt^n Hempton to whom we hope you will be able
to give the greatest dispatch we rely on your Judgment
and care respecting the Cargo he may be able to procure
from Lisbon ~ We expect £1450 Sterling or about that
sum you will have liberty to draw upon Lubbert &
Dumas for the residue we expect T Dickason & Co
will authorize your drafts as they will each of them
limit the sums you may make use of it will be
according to our expectation to have sufficient for the
Oil Flens & Ravens Duck and perhaps 300 ℔ Rusia
Duck or more of the latter we wish 100 ℔ of the best kind
you sent us last year and the remainder whatever
it may be of the 2^nd Quality we ~~Hoffen our~~ flatter
ourselves the Duck will come lower than last year
as it bears no profit at the rate sold in Boston
Should any circumstances occur to put it out
of your power to procure any Linseed Oil or only part of
a Cargo we wish to have the Vessel filled with
part or all the articles noted Below as you may
think best and we do not wish if Dickason & Co
even give you liberty that after the remittance
from the Elvira outward Cargo with that from
Hamburg you should draw upon them to make
the whole Cargo from Petersburg including the
200 ℔ Flens exceed £3600 or 4000 Stg and should our
dependence upon the Elvira outward cargo in any
means fail we with you to omit so much of both
Rusia & Ravens Duck as to reduce the Cargo to

237 the proper limitation ~ Expecting to write you again to reach you before this we are &c

Articles on failure of Linceed Oil

200 Best feather beds with one bolster & 2 pillows to each bed and weighing 1½ hood with good twild Stripe ticks ~ 4 or 6000 Tanned Calf Skins not Curred to be called in the invoice Raw Calf Skins

10 Tons more Iron hoops

200 pieces of Ellens

and 1 Ton best flax Weare &c

2 no 24 Captn Kempton haveing said this day we hope in about 3 months he will be with you ~ We now confirm the foregoing sent by him and haveing ordered him in case he is disappointed in procuring fruit to take a Cargo of Salt at St Ubes we request you will authorize your frd at Rival to take charge thereof and sell the same accounting with you therefor ~ if he loads with salt he has our orders to go there and on finding your orders to ~~follow~~ them ~ we expect in either case he will take what sheet cork he can on deck you will please order that left a Rival or taken ~~ing~~ to Petersburg where you think best for our interest ~ it is not likely the Elvira will take more than 50 or 55 tons of Linseed Oil and that quantity we hope you will find ready on her arrival as the Vessell will not draw more than about 8 feet water we wish her to go up to Peters= burg to save the expence of Lighterage if any pre= vious liberty is neccessary we request you will obtain it and send your orders to your Broker at

Cronstadt — this goes under cover to Lubbert & Dumas who will authorize your drawing on them ABk 5662.9 remitted them from Dunkirk for our accompt — And should any accident happen to Captn Kempton that you should not gain any intelligence of him untill midsummer we think it will not do to omit shipping the Bil if procured later than than that if you can procure the freight on reasonable terms either to Boston Newport or Providence in which ~~case~~ case we wish it consigned to our correspondents at those places Viz Joseph Hussey Boston Wm Bowroughs Newport David Anthony Providence or if to New York to Isaac Hicks — and should the Eliza afterwards arrive we must leave you to fill her up as suggested before or to add some Iron & Hemps — omitting to ship all the Linnens except the flems (which we wish out early) untill the latest conveyance for the Eliza and then you can lessen thier quantity so as to fill her up with more bulky and more profitable Articles —

P.S. we request you will ship the 200 Pc flems on our Acct but every other article ordered for the Elizas Cargo on Acct of W R J & Co Saml Rodman and Thos Rotch (brothers to our W R J) who are interested with us in this adv

We are &c.

Po Lubbert Dumas — Bedford 2 mo 24 96

Since we wrote you on 10 mo 24 - 1796 our mutual friends Brothers De Bauque of Dunkirk have informed our W J under date Oct 2d that they have remitted you for his acct MB 2826.6 as als under date Nov 22 2836.3 which two sums we request you will authorize Thomson Peters Bonar & Co of Petersburg to draw upon you for, after deducting your commission and should our said friends make you any further remittance on his accompt or on our own we request

you will in like manner advise said friend ~~make~~ at Petersburg of it as they will very speedily want to avail themselves thereof ——— We solicit your attention in forwarding the inclosed letter to them by the first Mail

We are &c.

To Thomas Dickason & Co 3mo 4

Since we wrote you on the 10th ult we are without any of your favours we have now the pleasure of informing you that our Ship Lydia Capt Fitch has safely arrived from ~~the West Indies~~ Antegua with about 170 Tons Sperm Oil & 50 Tons Whale Oil our present prices for those articles are Sperm Oil £66 Head Matter £100 Whale £27 ——— Capt Fitch having had permission to sell a little Oil at Antegua took a bill of exchange for £132.18.7 ~~Stg~~ John Hall on Robert Collier Esq London dated 4 of Febury at 60 days which bill we now inclose indorsed to You and which we request you will place to the credit of ~~Wm Rotch & Son~~

We are &c.

a letter to advise here accompanies the bill

To Joseph Hussey New Bedford 3mo 4

In the 11 month last we assisted Capt Dunham in repairing the Schooner Ruby of Boston and took his draft on Nehemiah Somes for $278.26 which fell due the very day he shut his doors we afterwards demanded pay of the drawer who hinted to us he was going out in the same Vessell and we conjectured the project was not really changed

that Somes had assured him no person should suffer by him of his private Creditors but he solicited delay untill he could write Somes expecting as he said he would make immediate provision haveing since heard nothing from Dunham we feel uneasy & request thou will if thou finds Dunham apply to him for payment and have the bill paid or secured our great want of money makes us anxious to have it paid as soon as possable we hope thy Collections will enable us to draw upon thee in a short time as by viewing thy sales considerable must be due and we were never in greater want please to note us the price of Oil & bone Sperm^d also

To William Ellery Esq^r New Bedford 3 mo 6 We are &c

We duly recieved thy letter of 29 ult^o by last mail at the time we gave Col Pope our proposals we had no thought of being able to furnish the Oil under the terms there noted Our Ship has since arrived and as we do not own quite half we find a possability of purchasing the residue at 3 or 4 cts cheaper p^r Ton than we at that time apprehended and it was our intention as soon as the price was ascertained to give thee our ideas thereon as we wish only to be well paid for the preparation and to furnish as cheap or cheaper to the revinue Department than any others it is certain that the best cannot be furnished under one Dollar but we hope to be able to furnish the other at 95/100 and can probably furnish the whole thou may want in all this month we cannot say what quantity of the first kind we shall have but hope 2500 or 3000 Gallons —

We hope thou will ever find that we can furnish thee upon as good terms as any one elce and so long as it is in our power to do that we shall be obliged by the opperturnity We are &c

To Ben Lincoln Esq New Bedford 3 mo 6

Haveing a quantity of Sperm Oil on hand we shall be glad to furnish thee for the use of thee Eastern Light Houses for the ensuing year we last year supplied Wm Ellery Esq for the Western Light Houses and were able to send it generally to the perticular light Houses on very reasonable terms Our proposals to W E this year are one Dollar pr Gallon for the best kind of Oil presed from Head matter and 95/100 for the other kind which we prepare in a manner different from others whereby we think it is rendered more fleed in cold weather some of this kind we supplied the town of Boston with & Wm Little informed us it burnt very well in the Cold weather the last winter We are &c

To David Anthony New Bedford 3 mo 7

Thy favour of 2nd inst came duly to hand pr P Howland who likewise handed us one thousand Dollars and four cents which is to thy Credit on Weighing the Gold we found the bundle marked $106-70 to be $111-60 as the pieces were not papered we conclude it came out of the Bank from which place our W R Jr recieved some gold (some time since that fell short to ~~dutto~~ which they declined makeing good as the Cashier said they never rectified mistakes

at the Bank should this parsel been taken from thee 42
for that amount $106.70 we will receive the difference
$4.90 in part pay for the former loss should the loss not fall
on the Bank we will account with thee for the whole
sum — Our Ship Lydia has arrived from the Fishery
altho she has not brought much Whale Oil we intend
sending thee by a Vessel now waiting a fair wind
Twenty or Thirty barrels of that article which will
be in barrels the prospect of a sale therefor with
the demand in future for Whale Oil Bone & Sperm Oil
please inform us by the first post — Should your mar-
be such as thou could encourage another Shipment
we shall send some more barrels by Mosher who
goes in a few days We are &c.

To Joseph Hussey New Bedford 3mo 7. 97

Thine of 6th Inst came duly
to hand And Sales Medicines inclosed N/pd $1790.94
& a/s of 50 Boxes Sperm Candels Amo 1762.60 both of
which are to thy Debit also Invoice of Oil ship'd to
Dublin for our Account Amo $626.48 have placed to thy
credit and a/c with W R Jr which have examined
and find conformable to his Books except $8.25
paid Thomas Hammond expence on his action with
Coffin which is not credited that sum if right please
to pass to our credit — the Bill of Hats & Ledger Amo
$21 is to thy Credit — We are sorry to find J Welsh
is a purchaser of some of our last candels as he
has stopped payment — but we doubt not thy
exertion in every necessary movement to secure
us from loss — Thy favour of 7 Inst with the

Chart came safe to hand the chart was of good satisfaction the amo[t] of which say $6 is 6[r] thy account it was for Cap[t] Hempton who left this port on the 24 last month in Sch[r] Elvira for Corruna in Spain should any intelegence of him come to thy knowledge please to mention when thou writes — The Ship Lydia Cap[t] Fitch has lately arrived from the Fishery altho she has brought only a small Quantity of Whale Oil & Bone should the demand for these arti=cles with you promice advantage by a shipment shall be glad of thy information — We have drawn on thee this day for $211.10 in favorer of Edward Pope which thou will please to honor when presented Weave &c

To Rauben Curtis New Bedford 3 mo 8

As the time of payment for the 5 tons Pig Iron is near at hand we shall be much oblie=ged by thy paying it at the Branch Bank Borton before or on the 20 of the preasent month — They will credit our Acc[t] therefor which shall be duly placed to thy 6[r] The sum ~~owt~~ is £55 or $183 33/100 we lack that sum to make up a payment at the Bank at that time and hope thou will not disappoint us — please to inform us by post when done — Weave &c. New Bedford 3 mo 8

To Leonard & Crocker

Capt[n] Paddleford has taken on board bars of Iron weighing Ton- C 2 q 25-17-1-24 on your Acc[t] and has been several days waiting for a fair wind —

We have yet 40 or 50 tons of Iron on hand and shall be 244
glad to furnish you with a further quantity than the 30 tons heretofore
contracted for — the scarsity of Cash in our Neighbourhood
has obliged us to anticipate on our expectations of the payment
of your Note for $1066 67/100 which falls due the 3rd of next month
and we shall be obliged by your information whether it
will be more agreeable to you to pay it either in Boston
or Newport than in this place as in either case we can
make it convenient to recieve it — We are &c.

To Samuel Sales Esq. New Bedford 3 mo 8 97

To the Note J Seabury gave
in thy behalf for $1066.67 falls due the 3 of next month we
wish to be informed of the probability of its being convenient for thee to pay
it at the time, as we have engaged the money, and of any disappointment
so likely to attend, we wish to be in preperation therefor —
We do not feel in the least Suspicious of thy want of punctuality, but
knowing of many disappointments with Commercial Men we presume thou
will excuse the caution — We have still 40 or 50 Tons of Iron on hand which we
hold at $110 - should thou want we shall be glad to supply thee — we are &c —

To Elisha Ruggles New Bedford 3 mo 8, 97

As we have a large sum of money to pay
in the course of this month we shall be much obliged by thy accommodating us
with the payment for the Iron by the 25 of the present Month — we are sorry
to find ourselves under this necessity, but hope it may not prove any inconvenience
to thee — we are &c

To N & P Tilly New Bedford 3 mo 8 97

Having a large sum of money
to pay in the course of this and the next month we dread the
apprehension of Disappointments which having largely fallen
to our lot during the winter and hope that at the time

245 proposed in this Month you will be able to accommodate us with the Amt of your B As note to our Wms & also for the sheetings — We wish you to pay to the Cashier of the Branch Bank in Boston and by a line by post inform us thereof we want it there by the 20th if you can make it convenient — We have ordered our friends Thomson Peters Bonar & Co of Petersburg to ship you 200 pieces sheetings by the first Ship to Salem or Boston We are &c.

To Seth Bunker New Bedford 3 mo 8 97

As the time for payment for the Hemp has passed we wish to find it convenient for the to pay Phebe Swain wife of Capt David Swain four Hundred Dollars for our Amt. to her we shall send our order on thee for that sum — The ballance we shall be under the necessity of drawing in a short time We are &c

To Phebe Swain New Bedford 3 mo 8 97

P. Dickason & Co sent us the inclosed letter for Capt Swain and have informed us that they have transfered the ballance due him to our Credit say £201-17 stg which ought to have been all paid before this time for the ballance yet due we have allowed Interest and haveing some money now due from Seth Bunker we inclose thee an order on him for four hundred Dollars which ballances the bill we have wrote to Seth Desireing his paying the draft which he will Doubtless do we hope to have the pleasure of seeing thy husband in two months We are &c. We are &c —

To David Anthony New Bedford 3 mo 13

Thine of 9th inst & Porte came duly to hand thy information of the decease of Mary Borden Sister was the first intelligence we had recieved altho not

unexpected from the recent accounts we had ~~had~~ of the advanced State of her disorder — the Quietness thou mentions in which she seemed to depart is a consolation to her surviving friends Sensible of the painfull & Suffering situation which she passed in her late illness they hope she was thereby enabled to die the death of the Righteous & is now removed to a habitation where all temporal conflicts knows an end and where the weary soul findeth everlasting rest, the obtainment of which is all that renders a life subject to scenes of affliction & pregnant with disappointments worth pursuing

We wrote the on by post wishing to know the state of your market and the demand for Whale Oil Bone & Sperm^a Oil altho they reply thereto has not yet come to hand we have determined to send Twenty barrels of the former by Gidion Delano who goes in the morning if a suitable time & the same quantity by Mother both of whom intend loosing no time in expediting there passage to Providence invoice of that p^r Delano is here aneyed which we hope will command a ready sale at an advantageous price —

We ship it Barrels whose neatness with there size flatters us ~~with~~ there sale will be much facilitated thereby at your market & at not less than $100 p^r Ton most of the Barrels are full bound as thou will observe by the invoice which we hope thou will be able to obtain pay for & make sale of the Oil so as to realize the Nett^s in 60 Days when if we wish shall be able by a discount of 30 Days at the Bank obtain the amount — If thou art in Cash for our Account before the last of next week we wish thee to remit to Newport & have placed to the C^r of Wm Rotch's as he may have directed, with his own or at the Bank if thou has any notes of Ours or our W R J^r that falls due so as we can avail ourselves of the amount by having a discount at the Bank please to inform us p^r Post

We are &c. —

247 To Francis Macy New Bedford 3 mo 14

We herewith send thee Five hundred Dollars by Capt Pinkham which is the whole Allen Shepherd has paid towards his note for the Ship Elira Allen is now at New York at his return he was in hopes of being able to discharge the whole Amount We are &c.

To Wm Bourrough New Bedford 3 mo 14

Thine of 10th inst is now before us & we observe its contents as Bown & Wardwell does not fall due under two months and your Bank Discounts but for one – we wish thou would propose to the directors to take our Note for that amount for one month with thy endorsement if agreeable to favour us therewith or we will procure one in this town there recieve B & Wardwells not and cancel ours should this proposal meet the approbation of the directors we shall wish to have the ~~bre~~ money placed to the Cr. of Wm Rotch at the Bank –
Thy reply by first opportunity may enable us to have our note there by the 19th which is just 2 months before B & W falls due – J Mayhew paid this day am.t of S Pierce bill expence on sundry articles Am.t $7.71 have placed to thy Cr. – Inclosed is Invoice and bill Lading of 20 Barrels Whale Oil & Mother for David Anthony as we have recently ship'd him a Small invoice if thou can find a ready sale for this ~~invoice~~ parcel at Invoice thou may stop it from going to providence – If thou can in exchange for the Oil procure us 2 or 3 hhds Molasses we shall be in want for our Ship Weavel &

To Wm Ellery — New Bedford — 3 mo 11 — 248

We duly recieved thy letter of 10 inst and observe the contents we hope to have nearly 3000 Gls pressed Oil for Head Matter which we shall reserve for the Completion of the contract if our terms should be acceded to but we find we cannot afford the prepared Oil under 95 Cents and we believe that is as low as it can be procured in New England and perhaps for Less— We shall attend to thy directions relative to shiping the Oil to New London & South Carolina whenever a conveyance offers If we could have orders to ship what is Necessary to Wilmington Charlstown & Savanah at once we could perhaps easily procure a small Vessel to take the whole to each place— a Brig is now waiting a fair wind to go to Savannah but the afject of the fr.t of 800 Gl. is not suffient to induce them to go to Charlestan — perhaps if the quantity for Savannah was added she might be induced to take it — but it is not likely we shall hear from them before she will be gone — We shall be particular in our discriptions of the particular kind of Oil whenever it may go — & in all respects follow thy directions —

We are &c

To Joseph Hussey — New Bedford — 3 mo 18

We duly received thine of the 9th and are very glad to find thou has made some collections for our Acct as we are now under contract to pay in this and the next month 16 or 17000 Dollars and find ourselves subjected to disappointments on various quaters that we are realy concerned how we shall get along we crave thy continued exertions

249 to collect what thou can and with thy early information what we may draw for and as we have been very politely used at the United States Bank - if any of the notes soon due for our Acct are like to be delayed and thou thinks our application to the Bank will assist in obtaining a discount we shall be very glad to send the a letter to the Cashier to inclose such notes in as we with to avail ourselves of all the money we can command for immediate use ~ We find Dunham is yet at the Viney ard that if thou sees no prospect of obtaining security from Sommes we with the bill returned that we may send it there We hope no other failures will involve us and daubt not thy care in securing what can be done ~

By the first private conveyance that is suitable we intend sending thee papers that the refferees may think proper with thy case with Coffin one of them has been absent since the rec^{d} of thine Inclosed thou has invoice of 30 small Barrels of Whale Oil and by the next conveyance intend sending thee some strain^{d} Sperm^{a} please inform what quantity thou can sell we want to turn both Whale & Sperm^{a} into cash as soon as may be

Please to procure us a very good main Mast for the Ship Lydia 58½ feet long & 19 inches - we prefer the hard eastern pine and had raither it should come 8 square but if not to be had rough please to send one made by the Brig Lilley of Westport now at Boston (enquire at Charles Seguarneys) and bound here we with thee to agree for the freight the price at Nantucket we hear is 8 Dollars ~

Please also to send us 3 firkins of good butter for the Ship and one half barrel best beef for our own use

Please to send us a good Stick for a Fore Yard 44 feet — We shall

To Peter Roe Dalton New Bedford 3 mo 18

We inclosed to thee in our letter of the 13th two checks from the united States Bank one in our favour dated feb'y 28 for $500 and one without date in fav'r Tho's Hazard Jun'r for $2072 1/100 they were put into the mail the same morning inclosed with our Bank Book two mails having since returned and hearing nothing from thee we feel anxious for there safety and shall be greatly obliged by thy information if at hand and request the Bank Book may be sent by Post if it has been recieved

3 mo 20 please to place the inclosed for $1000 to our Credit Wm Rotch & Sons on Union Bank

We are &c.

To James Tisdale New Bedford 3 mo 18

Since I recieved thy letter I have recieved one from S & N Fisher of 2 instant who also inclosed me a copy of a letter to thee which suppose thou hast recieved and I hope thou will be able to ascertain the Net Pds of the sugars without waiting advice from thy House at Wilmington as the money is much wanted to answer there appropriations - thy early attention and information in this business will oblige

We are &c.

To Wm Bourroughs 3 mo 18

We are obliged by thine of the 14 and shall be very glad of a Discount upon our Note for $1000 to be paid by Bourne & Wardwells note and the other collections for 385 which hope will be paid by that time we shall leave what is in thy hands least

we should want some things for our Ship Lydia — inclose is our note for $1000 we have the assurance of assistance from G & Channing to accomplish the discount if necessary — please let us know if thou has any demand for Whale Oil we wish it to net us $100 but had rather it should be ~~sold~~ at New port for $100 than to pay Cash for what we may want for the Lydia which will probably be 3 hhd Molasses 2 bar N E rum a bar dry sugar We are &c.

To David Anthony New Bedford 3 mo 21

Thine of 18 instant p Mother reached us last evining & am sorry to observe the dull sale of Whale Oil at your market we wish thee frequently to notice it as by laying long fear we shall be subject to Leakage — As we are in want of some articles for the outfit of the same ship on another Voyage to the fishery thou has our liberty to make sale of the Oil for 3 hhd good molasses 2 Barrels of Rum & one barrel Dry Sugar and raither than be obliged to pay the Cash for these articles would let the Oil at $100 p Ton and take the goods at Cash price —

Am obliged by thy attention to our request respecting the remittance to R I Bank & hope thou will be able to have some deposited there before 25th instant

To Joseph Anthony & Co 3 mo 22 We are &c

We duly recieved your esteemed favours of 27 ult & 2 Current the former covering a Check for five hundred Dollars came very seasonable and is duly placed to your credit and for your care therein please accept our thanks the latter covered Invoice 20 bls Flour & middlins — We are sorry that the prospect of the sale of Oil is so discouraging haveing a quantity on hand but strain'd Sperm & Oil we have none fit for market hope by the next time

to have some to send you — We are sorry to find 252
that macys draft is not accepted but hope it will be
finally paid — we are obliged by your given liberty
for P Wanton to draw for $300 but we hope he will not
have occasion to do it — We are &c.

To Obed Fitch

3 mo 23 97

We inclose thee an order
on Francis Macy for $500 which we have paid to his order
here which sum please to recieve and pay to the hands as
thou may think best — Barnabas Smith is ship'd Chief
Mate of Howland's Brig, I therefore leave thee to ship one
to thy own mind, but hope thou will not be obliged
to give more than 1/40 but wish thee to get a good one
but not to exceed 1/38 and one not addicted to bad language
which I exceedingly dislike — If J Worth will not go for
1/35 I hope thou will find a good one for 1/60 or if a green
hand 1/50 at which latter lay I have hand enough for comm.
hands and very good ones — besides a Mate 2 mate & Cooper
thou will remember to ship only one boat Steerer if
G Swain we shall give him the same lay as last
Voyage but if a young steerer only 1/50 at which rate we
can get them that are good — We expect the Black man
ned to go boat Steerer haveing enquired into his Character
& find him a very agreeable man on ship board —
All the rest of the hands are ship'd and a good Crew
We are &c.

To Francis Macy

3 mo 23 97

We recieved thine of 17th and
have duly charged thee with the $500 sent by Pinkham
and $500 sent by Allen which makes all the money that
we have recieved from Allen Shepherd when we desired
to take an order on us it was for the last 500 but not
hearing from him & finding the draft we sold to Shubael
Bunker for it from A Shepherd was paid we felt uneasy
at keeping it so long from thee and thought it probable

253 Starbuck would think no more about it there=
=fore thy draft which we have paid is in advance, but
as we want to make some payments at Nantuck=
=et we shall give Obed Fitch an order on thee for it
or return the draft which will put an end to the
busines — we shall be glad to know what sum
of the order $3000 thou gave us on Mark Coffin
it is to be placed to Dr Bauques Credit —
Shepherd we heard had $4000 insured upon his
Ship he has been absent to New York but is dayly
expected when we will do the best we can to col=
lect it Weare &c.

To Joseph Anthony & Co 3 mo 24

Bunker being detained
since we closed our letter we have put on board 30
barrels Whale Oil which altho we fear may be
undesirable to you we hope from the Casks that
they will find a market — the Casks being new
and just filled will require attention if not
speedily sold but we hope you will not have
that trouble with them Weare &c.

To Weston Howland 3 mo 25

Herewith thou hast
Invoice of 45 Casks of Whale Oil ship'd on our acc.t
& risk which we request thee to sell at Alexandria
or elsewhere on the best terms thou canst and bring
us the following articles Viz.t

50 bushels White Beans
50 Ditto best Pease
30 Cwt Ship Stuff
20 barrels best midlins
remainder in best common flour

Weare &c.

We duly recieved our Bank book with the acknowledged reciets of 2 Check we became anpious for the safety of it being 2 weeks this day since we set them down — We fear we intrude upon your time in makeing too many applications at the Office and that our business does not bear its own weight, if so it will hurt our feelings to continue the trouble and will put an end thereto with the least intimation thereof — We further ask leave for the inclosed order Caleb Russell on Joseph Russell Jr for $50 may be collected and placed to our Credit

We are promised $183 33/100 to be paid at Bank this day to our Credit by Ruben Curtis of Hanover and in the course of this week $1000 more from M & B Alley Lynn

To M & B Alley 3 mo 27 Weave &c.

We recieved by last Mail your favour of the 20 and are exceedingly obliged by your encouragement of accommodating us by the discounting at the Bank feeling ourselves at times realy embarrased from the want of puntuality in others we have had our own Note discounted at the Bank for $2000 a few days since & must again obtain more Credit without we find it easier collecting where it is due us as we have had payments to make during the 3 Spring months $20,000 & upwards

255 we shall our endorsment to a note
and you can fill up the Blank not know
ing what Bank you will apply to and we
wish you to deposit the money to our Cr
at the Branch Bank and give us a line when
done ~ we are very sorry it is not in our
power to wait your send'g it from Phia as
it would give us pleasure to render you any
service we could without too much injury
to ourselves ~ We are &c.

To Wm Ellery 3mo 30 97

We duly recieved thy favour
of the 14 instant and are sorry we have not yet
found a conveyance for the Oil to Charleston,
which we however hope to do in a short time
but it would be more certain if all the supplies
for the Southern Light houses were ordered at once
we have found a conveyance this day for the Oil
thou ordered to New London p the Betsy Capt Akin
contained in 16 Casks as at foot ~ We shall use
our endeavours to forward what Oil thou may order
with all possable speed We are &c.

To Jedidiah Huntington 3mo 30

By directions from
William Ellery we now ship thee p the Betsy
Capt Jacob Akin 9 Casks pres'd Oil marked SW
for ~~summers~~ winters use 7 Casks strain'd Oil marked
S for summers use for which we inclose Capt
Akins bill of Lading ~ As Akin is bound to N York
should the wind be such that he would be detained

by going up to your City he will be very glad to land the Oil at the Light House provided thy orders were there for the delivery of it & he can there receive his freight should it be agreeable to thee to have it landed there provided he cannot easily go up the river thy directions to the keeper of the Light House will obliege Thin — Last summer Capt Malbie informed us there was some probability of the Argus being sold as we understand she is under thy Care we shall be obliged by thy informing us whether that conclusion is formed as we think her well calculated for a packet from this to Nantucket We are &c.

To Capt Obed Fitch

3 mo 31

The inclosed bill has lately come to hand but being without endorsment we could not forward it if thou will please to add thy signature thereunto & inclose it back to us by next packet thou will obliege We are &c

4 mo 3. 1797

To Wm Ellery Esqr

Last Mail brought us thine of 31st which we duly note. The Cutter Argus Capt Hause having arrived this day for the Oil for New London & the Westerly Winds not having permitted Capt Akin to depart, we have compromised with him, by giving him $5 instead of $15 to deliver the Oil to the Argus. Have put on board the Argus 86 Gals 36 Jars mostly in small bbls which they will deliver to thee at Newport — Upon thy request to have it sent in small bbls we have filled it into new bbls which was done this afternoon, but we prefer ater filling new bbls to let them stand 2 or 3 days to shrink & then receiving them, they will therefore require some care either be either to start them into a cistern or have them Coopered a few days hence — no conveyance for Charleston ourers — Inv'd Bill Lading &c We are &c

257 To Wm Ellery New Bedford 4 mo 5

We write thee on the 3
by the Cutter argus by whom we sent 361 Gallons
of Oil to thy address conformable to thy last letter
which we expect reached thee this day — We are
sorry it is not in our power to advise of the
shipment of 800 Gll of Oil to Charlestown no
conveyance yet offering therefor — as you have
frequent opperturities from Newport when one presents
will it not be advisable to send it there to be
reshipd when it may be put immediately on
board the Vessell and no expence of landing be incurred
We can forward it early next week if intirely
agreeable to thee to answer our draft for $1000 it
will be an accommodation to us and save the
transportation of that sum from Barton to Newport
where we wish it placed next week but if
not quite convenient we do not ask it
We hope thou will soon reciere instructions
from the Commissionary revenue relative to the
Oil that will be wanted as it will be ready
for thy carefully order We are &c

To Obed Sitch New Bedford 4 mo 7

We now inclose thee a Check
upon Nantucket Bank for $1000 and in Nantucket
paper $450 which with $500 pd thee & our order on
Francis Macy for $500 makes in the whole $2450
and if thou art not in immediate want thyself
it will be agreeable to [illegible] with what thou hast already

paid the people the following sums Viz.t

We p.d Blakhouse $100
and desired brother rodman
to pay Ben.a Worth $130
he had before advanced him $120
please inquire of uncle Brown
if any more has been paid &
govern thyself accordingly

Gardner	2.d mate	$500
Gardner	Swain . . .	400
	Hillman . .	400
	Coffin . . .	300
	Marshall . .	300
	Blackhouse .	250
	Peter Fitch . .	150
	John Worth . .	150
		$2450

for the ballance that will be due we shall be in preparation to pay in a short time & $1000 for the next week — if thou has not engaged a Cooper we wish thee to let us know and omit it untill thou hears from us again as we have a prospect of a very good one here — the present appearances of political matters makes not in hast to get the Lydia away as we have no ideas of risking our propertty at sea if war should take place we have her nearly ready to heave down and mean to put her bottom in order and then determine as accounts may warrant — Robert May is to bring a main mast and a yard for us if it comes I request thy care of them untill par hers packet can take them please also to pay the Freig.t Please to inform us when thou hast paid the money that we may charge it to the people respectfully

We are &c.

if the ships departure is delayed will it not be best for thee to take thy policy & go to Connetticut to get the matter settled as we hear nothing from those people if thou desires it we will send the policy to thee

We are &c.

259 To William Bourroughs 4 mo 8 1797

We recieved thine of 25

and are glad the buisness was negociated to Sam[l] Rodman's
mind and our note burnt — We are however still in
want of about $1000 which we can make up from Gibbs
& Channing if the Bank will Discount Bourn & Wardwells
Note on the 19 or within 30 dys of its falling due —
We ask thy care & application herein — We expect to
want the Molases Rum & Sugar mentioned in our of
18 of last month whenever thou can procure them
for Whale Oil — Viz[t] 3 hh[ds] Molasses 2 bar[s] New England
Rum and one bar[l] Dry Sugar

We are &c.

4 mo 8

To Wm Ellery

Thy obliging favour
of the 7th reached us this evining and we kindly
accept thy readiness to us with $1000 we have in
consiquence drawn upon thee of this date for that
sum in favour of Wm Rotch (father to our Wm's) who
directs it to the payment of Wm Brimby towards
his late purchase of the Melbone Farm — we shall
follow thy directions relative to the Oil for Charlestown
next week if no conveyance offers for this port —
Whenever thou art prepared to enter into contract
for the supply of the Oil we shall hold ourselves
in readiness to subscribe it — in the mean
time we rely upon thy letters & have declined
repeated offers for the Oil we expect thou will want
particularly the pressed Oil from Head Matter the
earlier we gain knowledg of the quantity that will
be wanted the more it will be to our advantage

for we are daily loosing time in the sale of what thou does not want — When the contract is compleated & the oil is ready what money it will be convenient & agreeable to thee to pay will be stoping the payment on interest for our W R[ch]s father who will accommodate us in Boston where his will be & were we want it but in this we mean to rest upon thy freedom & convenience not doubting thy readiness to accommodate us whenever it will be attended with no disadvantage to thyself We are &c.

To Peter Roe Dalton New Bedford 4 mo 8 97

We are obliged by thy letter of the 30 Ult[o] and asure thee we have no desire to trouble thee with a request to write us on our common applications believing not to be compatable with thy office the case wherein our feeling where hurt was not from thy omitting to write us but havering sent down our book & post on the 13[th] Ult[o] also inclosing 2 Checks for $2500 we were kept in suspence not knowing but they had miscarried untill the 25[th] which was the 4[th] post from Boston and all we wished was according to your practice with your other customers they might be placed to our Credit & the book returned by Post except the trouble of sending the book(enclosed) to the Post Office which being so near at hand, We doubted not from the obliging manner we have heretofore been treated at your office would be willingly done — Our book is now in Boston & we shall endevour to inform Cap[n] Howland who carried it to hand it again to the Office that entry may be made of the inclosed 2 Checks drawn by Wm Rotch & Sons upon the U States Bank each for $1000 which we request the

favour of hareing placed to our credit —
We also inclose thee our order on Jas. Thurfey
for $1000 at 10 Days sight which pleare to Cr
our account when recieved — Thomas Harand Jr
hareing ordered a bill from Charlestown upon Marble-
head deposited at Bank for Collection & to be placed
to our credit which he understands was accepted
& falls due within 30 dys he writes to know if the
Bank will discount the whole or ½ half if he should
want it was for $2000 — if it is consented information
thereof will obliege him — We are &c. Wm Rotch
To David Anthony

4 mo 8

Thine of the 11 Ult. is
now before us which has been neglected being answered
untill now we notice thy observations upon the Gold
& have placed to thy Cr what it held over say $5. 22
the paper which ~~inclosed in mine~~ contained
it shall here inclose & if thou finds any thing there-
by by which it may appear that the mistake was
made at the bank we do not feel ourselves under
obligation to correct it but if otherwise it now stands
right to thy Cr — I hope the demand for Whale
Oil has increased at your Market & that thou has
been able to make sale of ~~the oil~~ our Small Shipment
the apprehensions of a war with France make times
very dull here — We are &c. the $100 sent to
Newport for our Acct shall be duly placed to thy Credit
To Samel Defsenden — New Bedford 4 mo 12 97

Agreable to the conversation
with our A Barker when at Sandwich we left
$100 in the care of Benr Jurring at Wareham / for which we
hold his receipt) & ere this hope thou has safely rec'd it —
Upon the present gloomy prospect of things we have

suspended fitting our Ship Lydia untill some more favourable accounts are recieved from Europe than has heretofore come to our knowledge the apprehensions of this Country being involved in a war with France gives a general alarm to its citizens & a very considerable stagnation to buisness we take the liberty of transmitting thee this information & wish thee to make no dependence upon a birth in the Ship for a man we gave encouragement of takeing as the times are too precarious to fit away now but should we determine upon sending her hereafter & be in ~~in~~ want of hands from you we shall endevour to give early information to enable your procuring some of the best thy communicating this information to Freeman & Rye will oblige us as we have given them encouragement of takeing 2 or 3 hands from the uncertainty of our Ships going we wish there may be no dependance should we hereafter want from them shall endevour early to send them word We are &c

To Leonard & Crocker New Bedford 4 mo 11

Your esteemed favour of 4th instant we duly recieved last evining with $897 inclosed which sum with $170 recieved of Capt Paddleford cancels your Note here inclosed with those 2 endorsments made thereon —

We are very Respectfully yours &c.

To Wm Ellery 4 mo 15 New Bedford 4 mo 15

Not finding any conveyance to Charlestown, agreeable to thy directions we have now ship'd thee as p Invoice & Bill of Lading herewith 14 Casks containing 798 Gallons Strained oil which we hope will reach thee in safety We are &c.

263 To Peter Roe Dalton New Bedford 4 mo 15

Thy obliging favour of

the 12 we duly recieved for which please accept our thanks we now inclose thee Fr Botch draft on Joseph Hussey at 5 dys sight for $500 which we request may be placed to our credit when recieved We are &c

To Joseph Hussey 4 mo 15

We duly recieved thine of the 4th & are greatly accommodated by thy draft on Wm Botch & Sons for $1000 & by thy liberty to draw for $1000 more which we avail ourselves of by last post on the 8 both which are to thy Cr Capt Macy we hear has arrived at Nantucket We hope thou will soon be able to dispose of the Oil for Saber if not the Casks will require care to keep them tight as the warm weather advances to which please to attend — We have on board Capt Hussey 4 rolls sheet Lead & 5 tons of Hoops for which we inclose thee our entry & bill Lading please to settle the duty & pay the freight & if they are in store let them remain intill a conveyance to this place which we soon expect by a Vessel bound from this by whom we expect to send thee some barrels of strain'd Oil inclosed is the statement & the refferees made on your ol matters with Mark Coffin

& We

To M & B Astley 4 mo 1826

We wrote you on the 27 ult° & inclosed a blank note with our endorments agreable to your proposal in order to obtain a discount for $1000 at Bank, since which we are without any of your favours Fearing you might not exceed to your expectation in order to be qualified to meet our engagement, we obtained a discount on Providence Bank on 21 last month & have sent another note for the renewal for $1000 which we hope to obtain of course it will not fall due untill 21 next month if you can depoint that sum in Boston in season for us to discharge that note it will obliege us but as we have a bond due at the Custom House here on 21 of 6 mo for $1000 you may calculate the payment at either time as will best accommodate you seeing a prospect of makeing out ourselves untill that bond comes upon us having hired last week $2500 to keep us clear of embarrasments which from our disapointments many ways we must otherwise have fallen under — we are savry that our present situation requires our pressing you & hope from this delay it will occasion you no inconvenience — please destroy the note sent with our endorsment

We are &c

To Samuel Tales New Bedford 4 mo 18

We duly recieved our obliging favour of 14 ult° & were well satisfied with with the contents only wishing to know if it were necessary to make other provision to meet our contracts our fears on this head induced us to obtain a discount on Providence Bank on 21 last month for $2000 we have again sent there for a renew all for $1000

& paid the other $1000 If thou hast the money ready to send us I can pay us on 6th day next at that Bank to the credit of our friend Moses Brown for acct of our ~~New Bolch~~ Junr whose note he has endorsed it will answer our purpose — If not convenient for thee to do this it may be sent to us or if they wish to suspend it untill 21 next month & then pay it there to cancel the last note it may equally answer our purpose We are &c.

To William Dunham

New Bedford 4mo 20

From the conversation had with thee when we last saw thee we expected thou would before now have attended to the matter of the protested bill, for which we look to thee, we have employed our friend in Boston to see if there was any probability of Sommes paying it. & find no encouragement we therefore request thou will no longer delay the matter we wish not to injure thee, but are willing to wait a reasonable time if thou will give thy note with sutable security — payable in 3 or even 6 months on interest — We are not aquainted with many people at Edgartown except Thos Butler whose security with thine or [redacted] friend Capt May hew here will be accentable — We must request thee soon to attend to the buisness —

We are &c —

To ~~Hoyes~~ John Sayer

New Bedford 4mo 22

Thy letter of 20 4Mo we duly recieved & untill now have had no conveyance for the Oil thou desired nor have we at this time the kind we considered the best the best kind pressed Oil except what we have contracted to furnish the Public Lights at $1 pr Gll delivered here for wharm weather we find ~~straind~~ oil does very well & have sent pr Capt Hammond 4 barrels as at foot,

the price is the same as we sell it by the larg quantity should it not prove agreeable to the person who wanted it will be no inconvenience to us to have it delivered to Joseph Hussey to whom we should have otherwise have sent it & if it will be more convenient to pay in 60 days it will be no objections — Please to inform thy aunt Gray that should she wish for a supply of best pressed oil for next winter we have it in reserve from our contract & it is not probable we shall be able to supply her hereafter untill next winter when it may be difficult to send it to her We are &c.

To Samuel Elliot

4 mo 22

Being under contract for all the best pressed Oil we shall have before next winter for the Public Lights at $1 pr Gll we have reserved upon thy standing order one cask 47 Gll's marked SE which we have shipd pr Sloop Surprise Thos Hammond master which hope will prove agreeable to thee if thou art otherwise supplied we can appropriate it without inconvenience on thy informing us but in this case we must request thy care of it untill we can hear from thee We are &c.

To Joseph Hussey

4 mo 22

The mast & spar with 2 firkins of butter Via Nantucket has reached us in safety without a Bill without a bill, by the

267 small casks beefs not comeing to hand
conclude it was omitted being ship'd but
hope thou will be able to forward it by the
return of Capt Hammond by whom we
have ship'd thee 9 Casks sperm'd straind Oil
chiefly in Barrels pr annexed invoice & hope
it will meet a ready sale should it not
the casks not haveing been long filled will
require some attention after being put in Cellar
we have also ship'd on board the same Vessell
(sloop Surprise) 679 bundels Whalebone 32-1-0
which we wish thee to reship to Hamburg
to our friends Lubbert & Dumas for our account
please to inform us by whom thou ships it, that
we may forward our letter by the same conveyance
if allowed time — should there be no Vessell
for Hamburg & any conveyance present for Rotterdam
we wish thee to ship it for that place if thou can
give us that information time enough we will for-
ward advise to go with the Bone but should that
be prevented by the Vessell sailing shall be obliged
by thy shipping it to the address of Havort & Plemp
merchants at Rotterdam for our accompt unless
they knowledge of the state of the makets at either
of there places of demand for Whale Bone should
render the shipment in thy mind likely to
to meet a bad or bad sale — in which case we
wish thee to omit shipping it — but do the best
with it thou can for our interest

Craving reference to our foregoing respects we have only to acknowledge the reciet of your oblieging favour dated 30 of Sep^{r} & for your information & advice please accept our thanks — we are astonished at the high price of Iron in this country it stand about the same it did last year but we prefer holding much of ours to selling it at the present prices as our market must essentually be governed by yours we wish however should it continue above what ours Cost last year that at no rate you ship us any — The depredations of the French Republic upon our commerce discourages our Navagation but as soon as prudence will warrent the business it is our intention to keep a ship in the Petersburg Trade

We are &c.

Joseph Hussey 4mo 22. 97

If thou can purchase good southern Corn for $\frac{75}{100}$ p^{r} Bushel & Hammond will take it for 1^{d} p^{r} Bushel freight with thee to send us from 2 to 3 ~~thousand~~ bushels by him

We are &c

To the Special Meeting of the Abolition Society to be holden at Providence on the 25th of 4mo 1797

Respected Friends Believing the object of the proposed Meeting to be of the very first importance, we feel much reluctance at our not being able to attend, and are therefore anxious to communicate to you our Sentiments upon the subjects that will arrest your attention —

We are fully perswaded that the present is the most important Crisis that has ever offered to the Society for establishing the Laudable object of its

institution, and that their manifesting a degree of firmness & energy at this time, to proceed without respect to persons to establish the Law against the African Slave Trade, by uniting in the determination to prosecute for every Offence that has or may offer, which conclusion, and diligent pursuit thereof we have no doubt will be effectual to the puting a Stop to that evil Commerce and we believe that a relaxation on the part of the Society at this time, will wholly defeat its future usefulness on that Subject, and will involve it in painful regret for not having discharged that portion of duty that it is most assuredly engaged to fulfill ~

Wishing Unanimity diligence & firmness

We are your respectful friends ~

William Rotch Jun^r

New Bedford 4mo 24. 1797

Thomas Hazard Jun^r

John Howland

To Thad^s Mayhew New Bedford ~ 4mo 25

Thy esteemed favour of 22^d

feb^y came duly to hand & annexed thereto we received A/S of our small consignments of Sperm^a Oil with a statement of thy account Ballance in our favour $164.39 for which sum thy draft was duly received on thy father (J M) whose acceptance was redily obtained & doubt not but at the expiration of its Sight will be as redily paid off of which fully meets our approbation ~ From the demand for this Article at our market heretofore we are indused to make a small shipment by the Franklin Cap^n Tower of 9 Casks Strain^d Sperm^a Oil as p^r annexed Invoice which than will please & dispose of on the best terms than can for our account not doubting thy assiduity

to find a ready sale for it — but if thou should not 270
readily succeed therein it may require some attention
after it is put into Cellar as the Casks are newly hoop'd
they may require a Coopers care — For thy attention
in Aneping a price Current please to accept our
thanks — We are &c.

To Isaac Hucks

4 mo 25

Thy favour of the 7th instant
is now before us & note the contents The Chest of Tea & 4 doz
shovels came safe to hand all of which are to good satisfaction
& are duly placed to thy Credit say amount $187.21 We are
much obliged by thy procuring the sand or round mo[ulds]
shovels as doubt not there answering our market at this
time very well & wish thee to send us one doz of the
same kind with a doz of the other kind a size larger
than those thou last ship'd us — if thou can procure
3. 4 or 500 good Butt Staves we shall be glad thou would ~~can~~
ship us that quantity by the Franklin they are for
Old Casks & we think they had better not exceed Sixty
inches in length, & as they will make such large
Casks they require to be of good thickness
We are &c.

To Wm Ellery New Bedford

4 mo 27

Having an opportunity for
Norfolk next week we are desirous of knowing the
Probability of thy visiting to have any Oil sent
there — the season is advancing & should we be disapoin
ted of the Contract it will prove to our disadvantage on
account of our delaying a market for our Oil which we
have continued on hand with that View we hope
the orders of the commissioner has reached thee

271 & that we shall by next post be furnished with thy orders — We had last week an opportunity of engageing the freight for Wilmington & Savannah which is now passed — this we regret as conveyances to those places do not often occur at this season — refering thee to the contents of our last letter We are &c.

To Gibbs & Channing 4 mo 27

We duly received your favours with the Bill for mother agreeable to invoice &c. are much obliged by your friendly offer in assisting in obtaining discounts at your Bank for which please accept our thanks We find a note for our account $813 due 19 of next month is discounted & as our W R J father wishes to make a payment to J Brandby $2200 from an order he has upon you & from money on our Acct we shall be much obliged by your adding to his Cr with the last mentioned bill & Bourne & Wardwells discount directed to his Cr enough to make up those 2 sums of that amount say $2200 & place the same to our account & inform us what is the amount to Cr you. We are &c

To Peter Roe Dalton 4 mo 29

We inclose thee Wm R & Sons Check on Union Bank for $500 which we shall be obliged by thy receiving & placeing to our Cr We observe in your having paid Swift $35 1

which sum we suppose comprehends our Checks to Swift for $300 & one dated 4 mo 8 to Nich° Davis & son for $5 should there be any error thou will please to rectify it

We are &c.

To Philip Wanton — New Bedford 5 mo 6 1797

Thy favour of 1 ult° & Part came safe to hand 1 day previous to the arrival of Cap° Hammond from your port by whom we recieved forty Barrels six half barrels superfine Flour in good order agreeable to Bill annexed amount $311.66 which is duly placed to thy Credit the Flour is ~~pretty~~ very good & meets a pretty quick sale —

We are sorry thou hast not been able to realize the proceeds of our Wm Rotch Jun° small shipment of Spermaceity Candels sent long since & more particularly as they are the only parcel now remaining of several years stock — as Cap° Howland by whom this goes intends going to Baltimore either before or after he goes to Alexandria if thou should recieve this letter before he arrives at Alexandria we wish thou would enable him to recieve them at Baltimore unless previously sold & remitted to thee in which case it may remain for our future order — we have requested to pay thee what expence thou may have been at for the Candels with the Ballance of thy account if he recieves them

To Weston Howland — New Bedford 5 mo 6 1797

We herewith hand thee invoice of 60 Casks Whale Oil & 24 Bbl° Prime Beef amount $980.22 which we wish thee to dispose of for our account on the best terms & with the neat Proc° thereof purchase the following articles contained in our here annexed the quality of which we hope thou will be particular to see is good & new —

As the warm weather is more likely to make the Oil leake out we think it not adviseable to leave any unsold in that Country but had rather it was

273 dispose of at even $95 or $100 ₩ Ton than either left there or returned the beef is an article we are frequently wanting that raither than ourstain a~~n~~ loss by its sale, should prefer thy bringing it back but doubt not than doing the best in thy power for our Interest both in the Sale of the Invoice & purchase of the goods ordered — But should these sources fail & than be unable to execute our orders for the want of funds we have ordered 20 Boxes Sperm Candels shipd to Philip Wanton 2 years since to be delivered to thee or any part that now remains unsold which than will dispose of at not less than what will neat us here clear of Charges 50 or 53 ₿ Cents ₩ pound which they sell for at our Works Phi. Wanton sent them to Batimore that should than go there we wish thee to try find in whare care they are & apply for them as we have writing P Wanton to direct his correspondents at Baltimore to deliver them to thee if call'd for & as the letter goes in thy care please to forward it by post fro the first Port than goes into or the most ready conveyance than meets with to allow him time to forward a letter to Baltimore before than leaves it — if than recieves the Candels — sent one Quintal Fish —

Orders for Goods

20 half Bbls Superfine Flour
20 Do Bbls Fine Flour
20 Do good midlins or Crofs brand
20 Do good shirt stuffs
100 Do good Corn if 2/ or under if higher only 50
40 Bushels Peare
20 Do beans

To Joseph Hussey 5mo 6 - 97 274

We wrote thee on 22d Ult advising that the Articles Via Nantucket were all recieved except the small Pkge of Beef which has since come to hand we have not examined it but doubt not its proving good also advising of having shipd the same Oil & Bone by Hammond with liberty conditionaly to purchase 2 or 300 Bushels of Corn & ship us at this return & a request to have the bone reshipd to Hamburg or Rotterdam we shall be obliged by thy information of the state thereof — Our Neighbour Samel Proctor has requested our sending for 5 Barrels of good Pork (1 hog) which we wish thee to purchase & put on board Capt Hammond who is to leave Boston the 10th should he sail before thou gets on board & no other conveyance presenting for this place please to ship it to Nantucket in the course of next week — We are &c.

To Wm Ellery 5 mo 10 97

Thine of 29 Ult per post came duly to hand the contents of which have paid particular attention to but no conveyance hitherto has presented to ship the Oil for Savannah or Wilmington there is a Vessell bound from this to Charlestown (or Savannah) the owners of which has contracted to deliver the parcel for Savannah there by which conveyance we ship it & shall forward Bill Lading by another conveyance of the same — the parcel for Wilmington no opperturnity presenting to ship it conformable to thy directions we have put it on board Capt Allen for Newport agreeable to Bill Lading inclosed —

We are &c.

275 To Samuel & Miers Fisher 5mo 11

We are much obliged
by your S R F's communication under date 22 of which
we are too much engaged to make a particular reply
as we wish'd — peculiarly so in your attention to the
pig Iron & Barker contract for the 50 tons we confirm
& request your attention to recieve & ship them as
they come to hand R Barker informs us only a part
not to exceed 20 tons will be ready by Bunkers
return & that payments is to be made only as they
are ship'd which we shall endevour to place funds
in your hands to pay & on the whole purchases
we request your charging a commission as we have
no other expectation & it is probable if we succeed
& your are willing to procure this article for us
that we may want a regular supply after this year
We now inclose you draft on Joseph Anthony & Co
for $500 which when recieved please to place to our
Credit Bunker engaged to bring pig Iron for
us last year for $2 he now talks of $3 which is
higher than the biisness will offord as there are
frequently Vessels bound here from your parts
or to this neighbourhood who may be glad of ballast
if at any time you find such that will take it
on less terms than Bunker we wish you to
ship it but if none such Vessels appears nothing
need be said We are &c.

We duly recieved thy letter
of 3rd advising of the discount of Bourne & Wardwells note
being affected & placed to thy credit with Liberty to
draw on the same at sight accordinly we give Wm Roto
an order of this date for $813 which thou will please to
pay & charge our account altho it exceeds the amount
of the discounts yet we had made our calculations
for that sum to compleate a payment to be made
there otherwise we might of drawn for $808-67 only
To Joseph Anthony & Co. We are &c.

5 mo 12
We duly recieved yours esteemed
favour of 17th ult Ps post advising of the safe arrival
of the Oil Ps Capt Bunker & altho we have not
the satisfaction of recieving any yours acceptable
favours by Bunker we hope you have been
able to make sale of the small shipment by
him — We have duly credited you from Philip
Wanton's draft for $300 on you for our account
your sales of Oil & Candels recieved Ps Duplicate
is Debited yours account amount $1736-60 —
Inclosed is invoice & Bill Lading of 12 Casks Sperm
Oil & 60 Boxes Spermacty Candels which we hope
will come to a good market — We are obliged
by your information respecting the contract
with the commissioners which we think
favourable & hope the present shipment will
answer the purpose tho excellent in its Quality
yet not prefsed from Head Matter if that was
your meaning — we shall be obliged by your

277 sending us a barrel fresh Crackers by the
return of Capt Bunker we hope ere this
you have been able to obtain payment for
Macy's Bill on Shoemaker as we expect
Samuel & Miers Fisher will be in advance for
our account we have this day given them
an order on you for $500 which you will please
to honor when presented We are &c

To David Anthony

5 mo 11 - 97

We have forwarded by Wm Allen
a box of Glass which we shall be obliged by thy receiving
& give information to Silvester Weeks thereof with a request
that he would after finding the contents of the box inform
us how much more is wanting

We wish thee to send by Allen 4 hhds good Lime

We are &c.

To Nathan Breed

5 mo 12

Our W B jun received thy letter
to Wilbur and we note they having 20 m ash heading
on hand we have not yet heard from J Michel & Sons respecting
10 m but as they are largely in the fishery apprehend they
will write to thee for them 10 m is as much or more than
from our present prospects we can find use for our W B jun
dont recollect any contract as to price but had an Idea
that 15 dollars was expected the high ~~price~~ freight they
ask us will make them at ~~that~~ price come much
higher than oak from North River & as we have no present
use for them & by thy account so few at your market
that if thou can sell them at ~~that~~ price or more we
wish thee to do it & return us the money except
for about 2 m of each kind Wilbur will choose to take
them as he can best bring them by him we have sent
thee $150 in Bank bills from thy being in want at
this time We are &c.

To Wm Ellery Esq. 3 mo 13. 97

Thine of 12th we received this evening & doubt not we shall have a conveyance next week for the Oil for Portsmouth, when thy directions will be followed - we note thy observations upon the Oil business & feel ourselves disappointed in not having orders for a further supply of the Summer Oil which we have kept on hand, already nearly two months waiting a Contract and we do not now understand that thou are expecting further directions to procure more of that kind - We made no reply to thy request of our reserving the Winter Strained Oil for thee for our daily expecting to know the extent of thy demand, and we put thy price of that below what we should have done to have sold it by itself from expectation of adding as large a portion of the other kind as we supplyd last year - we knew we could obtain more for it, and have been long since informed of the Contract in Philadelphia with the Commissioner, with offers of our Shipping what we pleased upon that Contract, which is at a higher price — than would be equal to our first proposal of one Dollar & Gal for each kind - we cannot therefor ascertain what the price ~~will~~ ought to be until we know the Quantity thou will want - we do not suppose our quantity will exceed 2200 Gallons of the best Winter Strained Oil including what is already shipped, best of the other kind it may be from 8 to 10.000 Gl

We owe in Prov. one thousand Dollars payable next week & shall be obliged by thy acceptance of our Draft in favour of Messrs Bracken for that sum —

Inclosed is Seth Delano's Bill Lading for the Oil for Savannah -

We are &c

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5mo 13. 1797

To Moses Brown

We inclose thee our draft on Wm Ellery Esqr for $1000 which we request thou will have negociated to cancel our W R Jun note to thee at Providence Bank & we feel much oblig'd by thy assistance therein — Weare &c

To Joseph Hussey

5mo 13

We duly rec'd thine by last post with a bill of the Corn & Pork & shall be glad of a bill of the mast & beef by Macy —

We are glad to find thou hast not yet ship'd the bone as we a present demand for it here more to our mind & request thou will omit it & when an opportunity occurs for this place please to return it — if thou finds any thing can be obtained of Somners for Dunhams bill please to inform us we are glad to find the Whale Oil is sold altho thou says nothing of the price obtained at next post day we shall be glad to know if thou can encourage us to send more we have now only about 100 barrels & can put it in barrels — We daily look for the Barclay whose cargo is ~~daily~~ principally Whale Oil — as soon as the expence is ascertained on the hoops &c. please send us a bill

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To John Habersham — New Bedford 5 mo 16 280

Agreeable to directions received from Wm Ellery Esq of Newport we have Ship'd to thy address Seven Casks Strain'd Sperm Oil p the Brig Three Brothers Capt Seth Delano on account of which thou will find annexed to inclosed Bill Lading Contain 498 Gallons We are &c.

To Tho Mayhew — 5 mo 17

Thy esteemed favour p Capt Taber came duly to hand with A/S of the shipment of Sperm Oil which is to good satisfaction from thy information of its being in demand we are induced to ship more & have accordingly put on board the same Vessell 11 Casks to thy address & we believe equal or superior in quality to the last Inclosed is Bill Lading & Invoice of the same which hope will reach in safety & meet as ready a market as the other ~~did~~ by disposing of it before it is stored much expence leakage & risk is saved As it is likely we shall have a constant supply of that Article with Sperm Candels & Whale on hand shall be obliged by thy advising us of the demand for them at your Market

To Isaac Hicks — New Bedford 5 mo 17

Thy acceptable favour of the 6th inst came duly to hand with 2 doz Iron Shovels in good order to $24-97 which shall be plased to thy Cr We are obliged by thy advancing Robert Barker $16-88 which with the cost of the moulds he has order'd to be made shall be duly Cr thee when ascertained If thou can forward them by Capt Taber this time we shall be glad We are in daily expectation of our ships Barclay's

281 arrival from the Fishery that should your Market encourage our sending Whale Oil we should wish to avail ourselves of the demand — our order for batt Staves we have thou will be able to execute to come by Capt Tabor we are &c —

To Gibbs & Channing 5 mo 16

Your favour of 29 ult. we duly recieved & am obliged by your attention to your request of placeing at the Bank $2200 to the Credit of Wm Rotch the sum you paid $187.50 for us is Credited your account we wish you would ship us two large hhds of thick good Molasses by Wm Allen who went from here on 11th inst for Providence should you omit sending it by him this time he will soon be returning back you will please to reserve it for him We are &c.

To Benr Saymore 5 mo 18

This evining we recieved thine of 16 inst & believe thou must of misunderstood us on speaking of sending 5 tons of Iron to Boston to the care of J Hussey for thee the Iron is yet here having found no conveyance for it to Boston but have some prospect of 1 in a few days by whom it will be sent we have little doubt if thou if thou had the 5 tons of hoops rolled but we could prevail upon the Capr to stow at Hengstown & leave the Iron to take the hoops for one freight only it will not be an inducement — We believe it will.

not prove to thy disadvantage to wait any further contracts untill trial has been made if thy hoops do realy find ~~the~~ pressference at Market — We shall on shipping the Iron give the notice & hope your coasteres will be able to meet the Vessell in Boston to save expence of Landing Wearell

To Seth Delano

5 mo 24 97

Herewith thou has invoice of 30 boxes Sperm^{a} Oil & 7 Casks Straind Sperm^{a} Oil which we wish thee to sell in Charlestown for our account on the best terms thou can & if thou returns to this port & rice is at $2 or under thou may bring us 20 Casks Good Quality if thou takes a freight for Europe & sells these articles thou may send us the Money by some safe hand or remit us good bills sending us the acc^{t} & inporming us thereof by post & also by the Vessell thou sends by — or if any advantage may be expected in laying it out in good Coffee rice or best tobacco for the European Market thou goes to thou has our Liberty to take it with thee & do the best thou canst & in that Case the net praceeds in Europe we wish remitted to our frd^{s} Thomas Dickason & Co^{a} London or Lubbert & Dumas Hamburg for our Account Should thou go for Ireland England or Havre & the oil does not sell at the Invoice it will likely do at either of those places but in no other part of Europe — If in either case thou cannot do any better with the Oil & Candels

than to leave them in Charlestown please to leave them in the hands of our frds Hazard & Aspinwall Weare &c.

To Wm Ellery Esqr 5 mo 24

We duly received thy letter of 19 inst & have duly noted the contents in thy our letter thou alludes to thou we mentiond as thou observes we should reserve the pressd Oil for the completion of the Contract having always in view that a special quantity of the strained Oil would be stipulated. and that nearly in the proportion of last year — and we certainly never had idea of selling the best kind by itself as we have had opperturnities of doing better — The winter Oil supplied the Massachusetts Light house we apprehend was purchased at Nantucket from the information we received at $1 with an agents commission of 2½ pcent & other expences & perhaps a quantity of Summer Oil with it at nearly or quite the same price thou meent as that has generally been the price asked there we apprehend on thy lately inquireing the price thou ment only for the prepared oil and supposing thou considered then the contract for the winter Oil distinent from the other we made such explanation thereon as we concieved would revive the subject in thy mind & shew it in the same view it appeard to us — if the quantity wanted of the summer Oil is not considerable more than has been ordered it will subject us to inconvenience as we had relied so much upon it as to keep it on hand & thereby missed the spring sale & even had made our arrangements to meet payments which we shall be liable

to feel more in the present scarcity of money than on common occasions we are however not disposed to make difficulties or willing to have misunderstandings in our business — we shall therefore make no alteration respecting the business ~~or~~ from thy idea's thereon & when our W R Jr sees thee in New port week after next every thing we hope will be properly adjusted —

Next week we expect to ship the 1100 Gll of Oil to New York & at that time send three 104 Gl for Wilmington to thee as there appears no prospect of a conveyance from this port very soon — we are obliged by thy assurance of paying our draft in favour of M Brown which already falling due we hope has appeared

To Truman & Nye

We are &c
Nov 25 1799

D. Stowel brought us a message respecting some hands for our Ships when we were first alarmed about the French Depredations we quited our Ships Voyage & wished you to make no dependence upon it & afterwards sent word Verbally by Fessendon that we should not want We then considered ourselves clear as we now do whatever we may do with the Ships we are yet undetermined whether she will go or not being determined not to send her untill things look more peaceable than at present & if she does goat all we intend to have men to stand clear that they may be paid of whenever the ship goes without any perplexity with those

We are &c.

who hire them

We are &c.

285 To Thomas Arnold 5 mo 25

We duly recieved
thine of 15 p Whitbreadg who delvered us the
Corn carefully measured which turned out
1096 bushels which we place to thy Credit
a 1/10 $882-84 we are sorry it Cost thee $10
more to be delivered here which I think was
wrong $5 of which we also Credit thee being
willing to divide the disavantage s and will
&c the other if thou thinks we ought to doit
We are obliged by thy sending the powder
which is also to thy Cr $179-62 & we have
paid thy order in favour of Car Whitbredge
$200 — Please draw upon We are &c
us in favour of D Anthony for the
sum due him for our Acct

To David Anthony 5 mo 25

omitted

We recieved thy letter
by allen with the sugar & Lime & shall be
glad if thou will ship us another barrel of
Sugar by him also suspend our order for Rice for
the present as we have lately purchased some

To Joseph Hussey 5 mo 27 97 286

Thy favour of 17 inst came safe to hand with sales of the Oil & bill of Mar^{k} inclosed both of which shall be duly entered inclosed is invoice of 47 Casks Whale Oil p^{r} Sloop Surprise Cap^{t} Dunbar to sail in the morning — We have also put on board Same Vessell 5 tons bar Iron to Ben^{r} Saymore of Plymouth who we are in hopes will have a Vessell ready to come alongside & take it right in shou'd there be no Vessell ready on arrival we wish the Iron to remain for Seymore order unless they are obliged to deliver it we have writing him by post to make what dispatch he can — We shou'd like to have 2 to 400 good second hand ryder barrels if thou can procure them in good order at 50 p^{r} piece or under & ship them p^{r} the Minerva Cap^{t} Eldridge who is a comeing round we expect would be glad of them for ballast — if he will take them without charging any freight as for them to cost but 50 here

We are &c

To Ben^{r} Saymore

5 mo 27 97

We have ship'd on board the Sloop Surprise Cap^{t} Dunbar of this Port 192 bars Of Iron weighing 5 tons 0-00 who is to sail tomorrow morning for Barton it goes to the care of J Hussey who we shall request to retain along on board of the Vessel as he can that it may be delivered to thy order on board of 1 of your Carters thou will please to forward him an order therefore by the first opperturnity — we wish the hoops forwarded as soon as may be the 5 mo we hope thou will be able to forward in season to come by this conveyance We are &c

287 5 mo 30. 1797

To Phillips & Houghton

Annexed are Sales of 44 Bun.
Sheathing Paper rec.d. via Nantucket last Fall
wh: was pretty readily disposed of, & were in hopes
payment would long since have been made, but
even till this day we are not in cash for the Nett
Proc.d. amounting to $96.95 wh: we consider to be in
good hands & have therefore inclosed our Check on
the B Bank for that sum —

The 40 Bun.s Paper rec.d p Capt. Delano 11 mo
last reached us in good order wh: we have just
disposed of and hereto are annexed Sales of the
same amounting to $90.39 Nett to your Cr. & when
payment is made shall attend to giving you
information thereof —

We have no Sheathing Paper now on
hand, & as there will be a pretty constant ~~Sale~~
demand though the summer we think Sixty or
Eighty Bun.s might be disposed of, if it come
cheaper than it would be prefer'd by the purchasers
We are &c —

To Francis Macy 6 mo 1 97

In answer to thine
of 15 we refer thee to the letter we wrote thee
upon the subject which seem'd to arrest thy
attention — Thou gave us an order on M Coffin
last Fall perhaps for $3000 about $2600 we expected
to pass to the Cr of Brothers De Bankue &
about that sum we owed Mark & Jon then
told us thou wanted let us know what sum of it
thou would have placed to their Debit the
whole sum stands to thy Cr. & M C has not
settled with us for the remainder altho its

probable he expects to discount it with Isaiah Hussey when thou can direct us how to settle it we will endeavour to adjust the business — Allen Shepherd not haveing returned from N York nothing more has been done

We are &c

To Thad^s Mayhew 6 mo 1

Thy esteemed favour of

9^br Cap^t Taber came safe to hand with a/c Sales of 11 Casks Sperm^a Oil ship^d by him which were satisfactory & am pleased ~~to~~ thou was able to find so ready a market for it

From thy prospect of a further demand we are encouraged to make another shipment of 11 Casks same kind of Oil thou will find agreeable to Invoice inclosed & which we hope will meet as ready & good a sale as the other — our Ship Barclay has not yet arrived Whale Oil & bone are both dull articles with us the N^et of the Oil $1109 97/100 we have duly placed to thy Debit

To Isaac Hicks 6 mo 1 97

Thy very acceptable letter of 22^d ult^o is now before us & have noticed the contents — Our Ship from the Fishery has not yet arrived hope ere long to see her when we with an encouraging market may present for

the Cargo the a/c sales of fifty boxes Candels & box ribans came (for the first time) safe to hand & are duly debited thy account

Capt Salter has Rd us $1000 which is duly to thy Credit

To Philip Wanton 6 mo 21 97

Thy esteemed favours of 27 Ult by Capt Howland & 29 by post came safe to hand covering invoice & bill Lading 30 bbls Spine Flour amot $208-50 which has been duly placed to thy Cr — We are pleased to find the Candels are sold & hope thou will be able to forward sales thereof by Capt Howland's return if not previously sent — altho the sales of the candels have been long delayed yet we shall be glad of thy information when your market promises advantage in the disposal of this article as we generally have them by us think its likely we shall be glad to make another tryal when thou can encourage the attempt we wish to encourage the sale of them & oil at as many places as payable Capt Howland informed us he left 4 Casks 10d nails with thee for sale as they were not much demanded by reason of there not being flat pointed which was a mistake in him as that was our inducement in sending them to your market we hope thou hast discouraged them before this if it wants facilitate the sale —

If thou hast disposed of Nails or can realize them in Good Ship Stuff or Middling - please send us 10 M good Ship Stuff & the remainder or the whole in good Middlings by Capt Hathaway —

To Thaddeus Mayhew 6mo 21. 97

Thy esteemed favour by Capt. Taber, we duly rec^d. and our WR being now absent at Newport who has that Letter with him, prevents our remarking more particularly thereon —

We hope thou ~~will~~ has been able ere this to meet with a favo^ble sale for the Sperm Oil, but as we have no information thereof shall omitt sending any by this conveyance for sale, we have Shipd four Casks Gauging 412 which thou will please receive & wait our direction —

Our neighbour R. Swift has requested our sending for some Mohogany, which is not easily procured here, if thou will please to procure for him & ship by Capt. Taber this time, about 100$ worth mostly of the best Quality Logs from 7 to 12 feet long & 15 to 24 inches ~~square~~, it will oblige him and place to our acc^t. — thou will pay attention to its Quality & see it is good — we are &c

6mo 21. 97

To Isaac Hicks

Thy letter covering T. Mayhews draft we duly rec^d. & has since been punctually paid & placed to thy C^r. with the $1000 of Taber

We see wish thou would continue our Order for bulk Staves agreeable to former directions thereon. & send us three or four hundred by Taber's return or next Trip — Should your Market encourage our sending Whale Oil or Candles, we shall be inclined to forward some the Whale Oil is very dull this ~~way~~ way —

Order to Capt. E. Hathaway from We are &c

if the proceeds of the Oil left with John & Thos. Powell

Bbl. Midling
10 Bbl Stone flour & 20 half Barrels Ditto
Bbl. Common Flour
Bbl. Ship Stuff

6mo 22. 97

6 mo 24 97

Respect Friend
Francis Macy

Allen Shepherd returnd from
New York two days since & has inform'd us he should
pay $1500 on acc^t of his note for the Elvira, should
thou be able to draw for it, we will answer thy
drafts any time, if thou does not draw, please
to direct whither thou will have it sent on or
not. which we will do as soon as he pay it -
We are &c
an opportunity presenting to remit some money
to Nantucket I now writing the above, we avail
ourselves of it - inclosed thou has Cap^t Jonathan
Myrick's acc^t for $ 500 which he will pay thee.

To Judah Barker & Bedford
We are &c
7 mo 1 97

Thy favour of 7 ult^o
came to hand lately and we note thy being in
want of Sales & Cordage for a new Vessell which
we hope to be in our way to furnish thee
Cordage we have on hand which we have
not sold under $16 we never had better hemp
than at present Duch we expect from Russia
in the 8 or 9 month at what price we
cannot say but must be governed by the General
market & Cost in Europe — Anchors of all sizes
are to be purchased here we think at 10 Cents p^r lb

We are &c
7 mo 6. 1797

To Samuel Eliot

We have some money in our hands
belonging to John Tabor Nafsalbourough which he has requested
our remitting to the for his account — Inclosed thou has
T. Hazards Jr. Check on Branch Bank for $ 177 97/100

with the amount of the Casks Sperm at $47 Shiped thee by Capt Hammond 4mo last is the sum we wish to remit for his Account which if agreeable to thee to settle that way would be an accommodation to us — Thy Order for another Sask we duly rec.d & shall hold it in reserve for another season — We are &c

177.97
47
224.97

To Benn Saymore 7mo 4 97

Thy favour of 20 ult.o came duly to hand & have notified the contents, at the time we thought the Dimentions were wright but if it should not be too late when thou receives this please send one ton of thick kind 4 tons the common size Capn Stoddard in Schooner Nancy said from here this day for Barton where he respects to remain ten days before he returns here if thou can get the hoops there to be put on board wthout Laying in Store the expence would be saved & a good conveyance & raither uncertain when another may present — We are &c

To Joseph & Anthony & Co 7mo 10

We have the pleasure of acknowledging your esteemed favours dated 22. 27 may the former covering Sales of common Oil which we are glad is sold so well much having arrived & the little demand at this season producing a decline in price — by the last we are pleased to find you had got clear of the Sperm Oil on so good terms of equal quality we have now shipd you 17 Casks more Gauging Gll which we hope will equally find a sale — more we shall rem.r you when occasion offers we C.r" you $500 to.d 7mo further & are obliged by your having p.d them we are glad to find Mags draft is p.d the pig Iron you sent us last summer proved improper for Castings & haveing engaged a founder last

293 Spring to go to the Jerseys to contract for a quantity he obtained per Jno S & M Ferber to guarantie the same & should any more be ready for Bunkers return they are unprovided with our funds we therefore request you to accept their Drafts for our acct if they should find it Nessary altho you do not give us encouragement it is our intention to put a little common Oil on Board Bunker Hoping as you are free frm that kind of Oil that you will find a sale for it at some price or other

We are &c.

To Thos Arnold

7mo 11 97

From the conversation our WBJr had with the respecting a few Bbl of Pork we hope it will be convenient for thee to send us 10 Bbl of the best thou hast if in good order so allen at as low a price as thou can put it & we will endevour to make remittance shortly perhaps 30 days or less if thy choice we hope Leonard & Crocker of Taunton will pay thee this week $500 by our request if not we shall soon send it to thee

What premiums will be asked from this to the Pacific Ocean on Ship Lydia & Barclay the former waites a fair wind the latter to sail in 4 weeks on the Lydia it has been offered at Nantucket at 15 ℔ Cent all risks

De David Anthony

7mo 11

Thy several favours with 1 ℔ sugar 4 Casks Lime 2 Bl rum have duly been recieved & one covering Tarnolds draft on us for $357-70 all of which shall be placed to thy Cr we are in want of a few articles for the outfit of a Whaling Ship which we shall

be obliged by thy procuring of good quality
sending us by allen if thou can get them to
pay in Whale Oil we wish thee to meyer
that made & if more will find a Sale we
can readily forward some ~~Rice~~ & in barrels which
best suits your market if thou still has our last
shipment on hand considerable care will be
necessary to prevent much leakage this warm
weather — If thou can purchase Cyder Barrels
we shall be glad we wants be glad thou
would procure from 1 to 300 barrels at not more
than 50 Cents deld on board and ship them as
soon as thou can by Mosher or other conveyance
at 4 Cents a piece both of which prices we
have lately had a Quantity from Newport
Mosher has told us he wants bring as many
as he could We are &c

Articles to come by Wallen
5 hhd good molasses
10 Bb cyder
2 or 3 firkins Butter . about 300 lb
1 bag Coffee 60 lb to 120 lb
1 box Chocolate

To Joseph Hussey

June 15

We intend putting onboard a Schooner Capt Shearman, the begining of next week 150 or 200 lb Whale Oil in Barrels and 50 or 60 Boxes Candles, which hope thou will be able to market on good terms — We expect 5 Tons Irons hoops from B Seymour of Plymouth, should they come to thy care please to forward them as soon as a conveyance presents for this place Capt John Rowland has sailed from here for Boston Should thou not have ship'd them ~~by him~~ before his return and he will take them please to send them by him — We were to make Seymour a payment on receiving the Hoops altho they have not yet come to hand, yet we wish thou would advance

him $100 for our Acct on his delivery of them either on board one of our Coasters or at thy Store — We wish thou would Ship us by the first conveyance for this port 2 Chaldrons good American Coals with information on what terms 10 Chaldrons of the same kind could be procur'd at — Please mention the price of 30 or 40 lb. Good Beef —

We are &c

7 mo 20. 97

To Isaac Hicks

Thy esteemed favr. 28th ult. & 30 ults we duly rec'd. former covering D. Mayhew drf on his father for $500 at 30 dy. date, which doubt not will be duly paid at the time. the latter by Capt. Taber the contents we notice — hope thou will be able to procure & forward the Stones by Capt. Taber's return as Charles Rupell goes with Capt. Taber he will be able to give thee any information necessary of the kind we want —

We are &c

To Andrew Ritchie New Bedford 7 mo 19

Capt. Robert Hallowell

To Thos. Arnold 7 mo 20.

Finding Leonard & Crocker

have fail'd in our expectation of remitting thee $500 we now inclose thee our draft on W Ellery Newport for $500 which hope will prove in Season wrote early in this week by Wm Michel proposing to take 500 bushell of Corn a 5/ here which we still confirm & shall be glad to hear fm thee thereupon

We are &c

We have thine of 21st
& note the contents we wrote thee last week
by post via Newport covering our order on
Wm Ellery for $500 which he informs us he
will honor, it was our intention thou
should of had it earlier, without regard to
the time it fell due but repeated disapoin
tments are all the excuses we can offer
It was our meaning in the proposal
we made for the Corn to receive it here
a s/ as thou said something of sending thy
little sloop we have however engaged Allen
to bring us a load about 1100 bushels which
we hope will be delivered on board a s/
we have told him that if it lays in a
handy Store he must carry it on board but we
wish it made as convenient for him as may
be as he brings it at 3d p Bushel we wish
dispatch as two Vessels are expected here with
Corn from Virginia — It seems like Justice
that of the rights of men that so fatal an
event takes place, what is it thought he will
pay? Should we drop our prosecution will
it not be alledged that money was our abject
if we had obtained against him it would
have been in our power to have done Justice
to some of his deserving Creditorss but its
probable a compromise will take place &
the event of a suit find nothing to recover
Thou has given us no hint how our

Newport business settled on the Minds of Moses & Havel respecting the letters We wish it was in our power to aid thy views relative to the Ships, but we have concluded that we have Navigation enough for the present perilous time we have about 150 or 200 tons of Oil to ship to Europe as soon as we can find where to send was thy ship now ready for Sea we could try to make some proposals, but our Oil must go soon We are &c.

To David Anthony June 26

Thy favour of 15 inst by Allen we duly received with the Articles Conformable to Bill annexed thereto Amo^t £450 12 8 shall be duly placed to thy Cr. Please ship us 4 Hhd of Lime & 30 or 40 Cyder Bl more if thou can procure them that are good when thou has opperturnity annexed we hand thee Invoice of 20 Boxes Sperm^a Candles p Wm Allen which hope will soon find a Sale We are obliged by thy attention to the Oil & hope we shall not suffer much more loss & that the trouble & care of it will rest somewhere els by thy making a favourable Sale We are &c.

To Wm Barraughs 7 mo 26

Annexed we hand thee invoice of 30 Boxes Sperm Candles which we wish thee to receive & dispose of on the best terms for our Interest We duly received thy two letters & Perry with 153 empty ℔ without a bill & per Mosher of 16 inst with 23 ℔ all of which we received in safety if thou has ℔ enough purchased to make up the 200 we wish thee to shin them here not to extend any further

We are &c

To Paul Bentalou 7 mo 29. 1797

We shall be obliged by thy ordering us shipd by Capt Soule or Cottle, Ten Tons of best Grey Pig Iron suitable for Castings. it is necesary for attention to be paid to the quality as those proper for Bar Iron are improper for an Air furnace

If the Iron cannot be attained it will be agreeable to have fifty barrels fine Flour including 6 ℔ very best Superfine for our own use

What money thou may find convenient to pay to us in Boston please to deposit to our Credit in United States Bank, and if from New York please to remit it in United States paper directly to us

We are &c

If Pig Iron is over $33 ℔ Ton please to send only 5 Tons and 25 ℔ Fine Flour

We are & Co

299 To John Tabor 8mo 1 97

Thy letter to the Co & 2 notes of hand signed by Richd Delano Jun & Gedion Wood one to thee dated 6 mo 5 1794 for $64 & the other dated Feburary 23 96 to thy Father for $666 came safe to hand — no money as yet has been rec'd when any is paid we shall follow thy direction therewith Stephen Hathway Rd us for thy Acct $224-97 which we remitted to Sam Elliot for Letter 7 mo 4

Thy letter of 25 is also before us

To Joseph Hussey 8 mo 1 Jam &c

Thy favour of 18 ult is now before us & we have noticed the Contents if thou has purchased the 2Ch of Coal ordered in our last we wish them sent by very first opportunity for this Place but if not purchased we wish them not We have drawn on thee of yesterdays date in favour of B Laymon for $152-50 which thou will please to honor with thy acceptance when presented Please to send us by very first conveyance 4 pieces best English Duck No 4 if there is a prospect of our getting it in ten days either here or Nantucket

The great scarcity of Cash with us induces us to request thy letters by to draw

on thee it appears by our Books that thy Collations if made amount to conciderable

Weare &c

To Wm Bowroughs

8 mo 4 97.

We have none of thy favours unanswered — thier appears but little demand for Oil with us when thou may have a prospect of disposing of some we shall be glad to supply thee We are in want of 2 Ybbrunn, an Eastern or fine Grinstone 15 or 18 inches over which thou will please procure & send by return of Allen or Mosher who are both your way Weare &c

To James Andrews

8 mo 7 - 97

We shall be obliged by thy information of the price & terms of payment for the Snow Frederick her discription & where built, also what her Charter will be to take a load of oil, to one two or three ports in Europe, we want to ship a small Cargo of Oil & prefer sending it on freight to discharge the Vessell in Europe — we shall be obliged by thy enquiry when the East ships arrive for schooner Elvira Kempton of this port we expect she sailed from Bilboa

for Petersburg early in the 5 month (may)
there she was to Load with Linseed Oil
for Boston as our WR brother S Radman
is concern'd in the Cargo it is probable
he will or has given thee orders to
recieve such part of her Cargo as thou
can sell & we shall want her dispatch'd
to this port with the residue please inform
us thy opinion
~~me~~ the price & quantity that may find
a Sale to govern our arrangments & is
not probable she will bring more than
40 or 50 tons — please inform us the
price of good screwed Hay as the great scarc
with us may induce us to fill her up —
Hast thou any sale for Whale Oil & at
what price — Should we make any
bargin for the Fredirick is she clear for
us to put in a very good master

To Joseph Wyeth Omo 10 We are &c

Not having ~~heard~~ heard from thee since ours of 1st Instan
& having $1000 due at the Custom House
& not prepared to meet it we are under
the neccesity of drawing upon thee
this day for that sum which we have
done in favour of the Cashier of the
United States Bank & hope it will

prove convenient for thee to give it
due honor — We are embarrassed from
frequent disappointments & hope the
Collections will warrant our drawing
for what may remain due — we are
obliged to suspend our business for the
want of money, when it will be better
we cant force We are &c
last thou sold the strained sent thee
in the spring & what quantity
further can thou sell — please inform
us what freights are now going to
Ireland & other parts of Europe

To Peter Roe Dalton Omaha 97

We crave thy presenting
the inclosed orders for collection & placing
on Interest thereon
To John Hussey 10 D sight $100
To John Thayer 5 D sight 150 D mo. We are &c

Thy favour of y^t^ we
duly received & are obliged by thy
liberty to draw for the amount for
the oil for thy uncle Hastings

& not knowing his name have
taking the Liberty to draw upon
thee for the amount at 5 dy sight
& have also inclosed $ 61 for a Cask
of 61 Gll sent thy aunt Gray which
if convenient for her to pay will
be at present & accommodation to us
we shall attend to forward thy
uncle some more oil at the time
proposed We are &c

To Philip Robenson Dme 83 Cy

Thine of 2 inst
we duly recieved & by Wm Allen have sent
agreeable to thy request 20 boxes of warantable
Candels which we believe with proper
Care will stand any climate & the terms
are the best for the purchaser we have
made this season — we nowhere sell them
abroad under 53 Cents the amount say
$ is to thy Debit at 4 months

We are &c

To Wm Ellery Dme 83

We duly recieved
thine of 22 ult^o and are obliged by thy
acceptance of our Draft of 500 Dollars

From one of thy former letters &
the conversation had with thee at Newport
we supposed it was thy choice to
take all the winter Strain'd Oil that we
had but since that is not the case it
is quite agreeable & desireable to keep
it ourselves as we have a demand
for it and on more advantageous terms
we shall as soon as at leasure forward
thy Act Current —

We drew upon thee
on the 12 in favour of Richard Delano
for $100 which we request thou will
honor

Weare &c

To Wm Barraughs 8mo 14 97

We duly recieved thine
of 2 & note the Contents, we are now supplied
with empty Barrels & wish no more sent than
is purchased — we have Called on Tobey for
thy note who will settle it with us in
a few days & no Interest is expected when
he brings it down we will send it to thee
we want about 60 yds of Coarse Hammock
& understand they make it at your factory
we wish thee to send it by Allen without
fail — If thou can send us two Barrels

Round Pease please to send it and also 3 or 4 Barrels of Barley all may be put in Cyder Barrels if thou hast some yet on hand

7 mo 15. 97

To Thomas Arnold

Thy letter of with the Corn we duly rec'd. in good Order after an unusual long passage — Thomas Rotch has spared us he will request Butler Wheaton & Jackson to pay thee what they are indebted to him for. which he thinks is about $200 & for the remainder we shall endeavour provide means to cancel the whole — we are &c

To David Anthony

8 mo 13

Thy letter for Allen we duly recieved & note its contents, having started nearly all or quite the Oil that we intend to, wish thou to omit the purchase of any more Cyder Bbl please forward what thou has on hand — Please to forward us the following Articles, 21 Bbl Cyder 100 ℔ Butter & one firkin Hogs Lard they are for Vessells now nearly ready for Sea that we wish him to make all the dispatch possible & one Bbl best Beer

We are &c.

To Leonard & Crocker 8 mo 17 97

We have had the pleasure of recieving yours of this days date - closing $900 which we found agreeable to list recieved & shall be duly endorsed on your Note the $150 you made mention will be acceptably recieved when convenient We are &c.

To Benn Williams 8 mo 17 97

We last week requested E Stodard to make enquiry on thee on what terms thou would be willing to let thy Lad go in the Ship Barclay since we have since shipd a boy that left thou may be making some Preperation for him we take the early opportunity to hand the information if thy Lad is adequate to cooking for the Ships Company & that office is not full'd when we hear from thee we should like to know on what terms he will go the Voyage We are &c

To Nehh Sommes 8 mo 7th 19

We duly received thine of 2d Inst and are sorry for thy importunate situation in which by Special favours thy Cou Dunkin we are involved we advanced money to nah Can Dunkins Bill & became accountable for Amt of sundry ~~Bills~~ sums to facilitate his business at which time he wanted having us a bill of freight but wishing only to serve thee we proposed ourselves to put the Bill at 30 days which wish to oblige proved the delay we have suffered Tenderness towards the unfortunate will never suffer us to take an unjust or dishonorable advantage, but we think regard to us & to the manager towards of our advances without any Commission is our due, and we wish to do nothing that will prejudice our Claim upon the drawer of the bill If we can do any thing for thee without cutting us off for Dunkin we are willing to do it & will agree to any thing our frd J Thorpe will think right if thou will please to shew him this letter

Dear Jo

To Jon^n Myrick. 8 mo 19

Inclosed thou will receive £150 which we now forward p Capt Penfarn & which compleats Bentalaos Order in thy favour for £1200 & p^d 2 labourers for 7 dys labour discharging the Flora before than left here but omitting setling with the Ex thereof which now deduct from the above sum

We are &c.

To Paul Bentalow 8 Mo 24th 1797.

We duly recewed thy esteemed favour of 10th Inst. inclosing Fourteen Hundred Dollars of United States Bank, which is duly placed to thy Credit & thy future directions therewith we shall attend to, with what other Sums thou mayest hereafter place in our hands ——

We feel sorry thou found so much difficulty in obtaining a Remittance to us, not in the least doubting thy utmost exertions to effect it —— Since thy departure Capt Myrick has not call'd upon us for any money on thy account, but should he have occasion, we shall endeavour to accommodate him —— We have rec^d of Jn^o a Letter from Jacob Taber in which he assures us of the Flour wanted, being shipped by the Flora which we hope shortly to hear of being safely arrived as also the Schooner with an expectability of the Pig Iron coming in consequence of the difficulty of procuring the proper kind

We are &c

8mo 24 1797

To Edmun Isaac Eicher

Inclosed we hand thee Invoice of 50 boxes Spermacti Candles, which, as the fall approach we hope thou will be all to market on good terms — Thine of 31st Ult° & 12th instant is now before us & their contents of the former we shall pay particular attention to thy request — the Copper Bolts we rec^d & forwarded them to Samuel Rodman —

We have no bone on hand at this time to avail ourselves of the demand for that article, which has so long been a Drug —

Thine & Capt. Taber accompanying acct of Batt Staves came duly to hand, amount of which shall be placed to thy Credit — the staves look well, only we fear they are not quite of sufficient thickness for their length —

Isaiah Hussey informs us, he expects to want between two or three Thousand Dollars in New York, which we shall be glad by thy accommodating him with and take his drafts on us therefor — the Scarcity of Cash this way induces us to request their being put at as long a sight as thou can make convenient, not under Sixty days — which we hope thou will be able to accommodate —

Wave &c

To Obed Fitch

8mo 28 1797

We hope this will find thee well provided for a good voyage, & all hands favourd with health, By the Barclay who is now ready for Sea we have sent thee on barrel dryd apples which was left by accident, and 20 bu. of new potatoes — Since thy departure we have concluded to send ~~the~~ 7 additional hands in the Barclay to land on some of the Islands to procure Seal Skins, and have provided Garden seeds for them to raise some vegitables for our Ships if they should stop, and it is our wish if thou should not find it out of thy way when nearly compleated thy Voyage to Stop at Mossa Furo unless thou hears of them elsewhere, and if their succes has been such that it appears likely the Barclay will not be able to take all the skins they will have we wish thee to take some onboard & keep in good order for which we will allow the voyage a reasonable freight —

Should thou hear of any disaster happening to the Barclay whereby she will not be able to stop to take the people off, we wish thee then not to fail going their or wherever thou may hear of them, and bring off the people with their Skins and should thou have compleated thy voyage and can make any bargain that will be equal with some of thy hands to tarry on the Island with the Barclays hands & obtain Skins, and take off and bring home as many or more than can be reasonably calculated for those men to procure of the Barclay to bring it will not be disagreable to us, as some value may be added to thy voyage thereby, but in such case dont give them so much but that the owners may draw as much of them as they do out of the Voyage

And unless thou thinks some accident has befallen the Barclay whereby her return will be prevented, dont bring off any of her shining party except they are out of health & thou thinks it best on that acc^t, or it appears best to exchange some of thy men & the Barclays wish to come, but in that case leave none but such as thou thinks will be as good for our business there

Wish thee and all thy crew health, success & quiet minds we are thy assured friends W R & C^o

we shall send Copies of this by the Maryland Maria Diana & some other Ships

To M B Tilley

8mo 28 1797

we have this evening rec^d a letter from Thomas Peters Bonar & C^o Covering Invoice of 8 bales 200 Flems which they inform they have Shipd for the Camilla Cap^t Dismore which has arrived at Boston & also that they have covered to you another Invoice you will please to enter the goods secure the Duty and pay the freight and dispose of them on the best terms you can for Cash & 60 days if possible as we are exceedingly pressd for money, and are

very much disappointed by several persons on whom we had reason to place some confidence ~ You will observe that the duty is only to be secured on the first or nett Cost of the Goods without Charges which is Roubles 2616.79 ~ If you have not an immediate Sale please send us one bale of the thick or thin as may be the least prefer'd for your Market either by a Nantucket Vessel (if none for this place) or have it with J Hussey to send us please to take the notes pay at United States Bank and endorse them to the Cashier for Acct of our firm ~ hoping soon to hear you are like to sell & at a good price of which please inform us ~ We are &c

Bmo 2d 1797

To Joseph Hussey

We duly rec'd thy favour after we wrote covering our drafts, which we are glad to find thou had been able to accept, we could not have done without it, & it appears by thy Sales it had been long due & we hope was collected ~ we daily expect the Schooner Elvira Capt Kempton to arrive at Boston from the Baltic with a Cargo of Linseed Oil &c ~ we wish thee to receive of him as much as thou thinks will sell and dispatch him as speedily as possible for this port ~ Please to ship by him 40 or 50 Chaldrons good sea Coals Richmond Coals answers for our furnace as well as any if good & I see them in this days price Current 8 to 10 if so low send us 8 Chaldrons ~ we suppose much Oil has been at your market from Europe of ordinary Quality Rimpseed Oil &c but thou will observe that Kempton is all fine Flaxseed ~ please also send us by

Kempston or any other Conveyance before he arrives 200 feet good 7 by 9 Glass & one barrel fine Yellow Oker — we wish to forward the remains of the All to the westward for Market as soon as may be what thou receives please to sell ⅓ of Acct of Thomas Rotch & ⅔ for our Acct —

We are &c

To Leonard Crocker

8mo 29. 1797

We inclosed yours, note with endorsments thereon to the full amo. & forwarded last week p Capt. Paddleford, which hope you received, the balance of the sum rec. from you, is endorsed on your first note for $3300 after cancelling the one sent you — The very great scarcity of Cash we sensibly experience — we have not rec. any remittance from you since yours p Post of — If can possibly make it convenient to place to our Cr in Providence Bank Five hundred Dollars in the Course of this week, it will greatly accommodate us: which when done please advise us that we may avail ourselves thereof —

Last week We gave Capt. Paddleford an order on you for $76 & endorsed the same on your note, our neighbour Capt. C Grinnell has a few Tons of Iron for Sale, if are amind to treat with him, dont doubt you can agree on terms — We are &c

To Thomas Arnold

8mo 30. 1797

We annex thy Acct of 1795 with W R Jr balance of which £18.5.1 is placed to thy debit with us — Through our hurry of business we haven't till now been able to arrange our Accts so as to draw to pay the balance due thee — Thomas Rotch has ordered about 200 Dollars paid thee by B W & Jackson as soon as we know what thou receives of them we shall try to close the Accompt —

313 Herewith is our order on William Clery for $ 360.73 which hope will be no inconvenience to thee to take in Newport — we suppose without this order the balance due thee is $ 620.49 including $ 100 Our A Bs premium on Delaware — Weare &c

To Lubbert & Dumas

8 mo 24. 1797

Your esteemed favour dated 4th may we duly received with our W R/ acct of remittances from Dunkirk balance in our favour MB 5610 — and are obliged by your information to Thomson Peters Bonar & Co of Petersburg that you will accept their drafts for that amount —

We hope and have no Doubt but our business will be extended with you, as we are only waiting for a more favourable turn with our Commerce to Put a Ship into the Baltic Trade, when we shall wish for your Countenance & assistance and shall be obliged by your information what advances you will make upon goods shipd to you to answer our drafts from Petersburg, together with the state of your market as occasion presents —

Should Capt Delano of the Brg: Three Brothers of this port from Charleston be yet with you please to deliver the inclosed Letter to him, who has orders to pay you from his freight for our account what money he can spare — We now inclose you Thomas Duncans Bill on Benj: Hussey Dunkirk for 741/6 Crowns which we request you will receive & place to our Credit. Should our Petersburg friends be in advance for us we wish you to authorise them draw for the same — the bill is endorsed to you, & is at 30 ds sight —

To W Clery Esq: 9 mo Weare &c —

Through our ingagements yesterday we neglected to prepare thy Accompt Current for this days Mail as was our intention & to advise of our drafts upon thee for $ 360.73 in favour of Thomas Arnold the which we now inclose balanced by that Draft, which hope thou will find free from Error — Weare &c

To Henry Drinker

9mo 5. 1797

Last evenings post brought me thy obliging letter of 23 Ult. covering thy bill for Ten Tons of Alsion pig Metal amounting to 350 ₤ for which Amount I now inclose an Order on Joseph Anthony & Co. from William Rotch Jr & Co. for that sum. — I feel obliged by thy friendship therein, & hope if we find encouragement to continue our Furnace that another year thou will be able to supply us with a further quantity — I am &c —

9mo 5. 1797

To N & B Alley

By your letter by last post we observe you had received the Sheetings, but believe you did not understand our meaning respecting sending us one of the Bales, we have a better sale here & only wished if you did not find them of quick Sale to send us one of the Bales, but If you have a ready Sale we had rather you sold them all sending us only 10 pieces of the Stoutest, we are sorry you had not mentioned if the articles is in demand plenty or scarce & what price it bears, we do not wish by any means to have them all here, and are at a loss to understand your meaning respecting sending them all here If the burniss of selling them for us interfears with any arrangments of your own, please to let us know it, & we will order them differently, as we only wish to serve your interest therein as well as our own — we shall be glad to have your prospects as soon as may be and are your wellwishing Friends — W R & B

9mo 5. 1797

To Peter Roe Batton

We rec.d our Bank Book yesterday by Cap.t Swain and to our great surprise, observed that in settlement of 6mo 30.th there was a Balance of 92. 4 due the Bank which an examination found to be so and very difficult from our expectation to have over drawn

without

9mo 6 1797

To Isaac Hukes

we are favd with thine of 19. 2 3 d 30 Ult and have recd by Akins the Pig Iron, for thy attention thereto we are obliged and wish thee to Charge us for thy trouble therein

we feel much obliged by thy proposal of accommodation with J Hussey — we are expecting 3 or 400 Dollars from Rochester which we understand is expected from thee, to one Capt Wing if thou can send them a draft on us for that or a further sum in payment to Isaiah it will be an accommodation to us, & if thou has money in thy hand for one Capt Stephen Nye of this place a draft on us for $100 or more will also oblige us — we think we can accommodate thee with $1000 on Philadelphia for Capt Hussey, & perhaps more if thee can give us notice when it will be wanted —

Wm are &c
Samuel Rodman

as Gouverneur & Kemble have money to remit to us we wish thou the would apply to them and see if they Cant make it convenient to pay thee $1000 & tak thy draft on us therefor —

Wm are &c

9mo 4. 1797

To P Bentalou

We duly received thy obliging favr of 29th Ult accompanied by Invoice of 31 barrels of Flour 5 Tons Pig Iron which came to hand in good order and the Amount $440. 9 is placed to thy Credit, we also received the bale of Coffee, which proves very good, & our W R requests his thanks may be acceptable therefor, and also feels the obligation thou confers by thy kind Invitation to him and wife to visit your City, this fall, for which they will please accept their thanks, various circumstances puts it out of their pow-

to partake the pleasure such a journey would admit, —

The pig Iron proves a mixture of Gray & white metal, the former only will serve our purpose, and for the very best kind from Jersey it costs us at New York but $35 perhaps should we continue the Furnace by earlier engagements, the Grey may be provided at Baltimore, and at a cheaper rate at present we have a full supply for the season — we shall Cap^t Merrick the balance that is in our hands & any further remittances thou may order — we communicated to Col Pope thy remembrance and he is pleased to find his conduct met the approbation of the Treasury department —

We applied at the Post office and found by Cap^t Mericks request Josiah Barker Jun^r had applied & taken thy letters within 5 in number on to Boston to forward to thee — Cap^t Fish the bearer hereof is bound to Baltimore with a small Cargo of whale oil, should he stand in need of thy advice we shall esteem it a favour if thou will extend it to him

Wiare &

9 mo 6. 1797

I. Preserved Fish — We ship to thy address 20 boxes Candles of excellent quality which we wish to sell to net us 30 Cents ℔ lb & 25 Cents for the Boxes if not please to leave them with George Sears to sell for our Acc^t.

We also have Ship^d 152 Casks Gauging 200 barrels 15 Gallons which we wish the to sell on the best terms thou canst — one Tone of which is on thy own Accompt & 120 or 130 Dollars of the other is to be applied to the use of J Austin for the remainder after purchasing what we may ~~want~~ order we wish to be returned in Cash — Wiare &

40 bl. Fine Flour 10 bl. Spine D^o of the best kind new & sweet 100 barrels of Corn of good and reasonable — any money thou may wish to lay out on thy own Acc^t thou art at liberty to do forwarding us by post thy draft on thy self at 30 days sight W R J & C^o

Gmo 5. 1797

To Joseph Habersham Esq.

I duly rec. thy letter with a draft upon our Post Offic for $50 for the last quarter conveying the mail —

The time being nearly expired for which the former Contract was made The two Packets Masters are willing to continue the conveyance upon the same terms as last year — for which I offer the contract as there tofore — If this meets thy approbation and those will forward the contracts I will sign & forward them back — I am &c

Gmo 7. 1797.

To Leonard & Crocker

We are very sorry to be so often troubling you. and if we saw any way of supporting our Credit without it, we certainly would exercise patience. but such is our situation that without your ade we shall be much embarrassed, having large demands upon us for which we had calculated your payments to meet them, and falling in hands that can not be put off - we are very anxious to see ourselves in a situation to discharge them

We hope to receive $500 from you this evening which will be a little relief. but we see no way of making out the payment of this month without, the balance of your note which fell due 3 mo. ago, you will exceedingly oblig us by accommodating us therewith in the course of the month — Our only inducement in selling the last 30 Tons of Iron was to meet a payment of $3500 which falls due 15th of next month & having reason to expect that payment must be made at that time, hope you will also be able to make that out without disappointing us — we ask your excuse for our frequent applic-ations for it is a disagreeable to us, that but for our urgent necessity you would not be troubled by us — we are &c

To W Hammitt Esq^r 9^mo 7. 1797

Herewith thou has our Acct Current balance in our favour $ 38.54 for which we have drawn upon the in favour of the Bank, which we shall be obliged by thy paying when presented — Weare &c

To Seth Bunker 9^mo 7. 1797

Inclosed thou hast our Acct Current balance in our favour $ 35.34 and being called upon for some money at Nantucket we have drawn upon thee therefore in favour of the Bank which we shall be much obliged by thy payinge — Weare &c

To George Folger Jun^r 9^mo 7. 1797

We ~~recieved~~ request thy care in Collecting the Orders herewith & placing to our Credit one on W^m Hammitt Esq^r $ 38.54
one on Seth Bunker . . . $ 35.34
one on Christopher Mitchell $ 74.38
198.26

Weare &c

To Christopher Mitchell 9^mo 7. 1797

Cap^t David Swain left with us the indorsed receipt from Cap^t A Barnard of Articles Supplied the Ship Lion, which was overlook'd which fitting out the Ship or we should have preferred to have requested thee to have replaced them if more agreeable — Having now a demand upon us at Nantucket we indose a bill thereof amounting to $ 74.38 which if agreeable we shall be obliged by thy paying to our Order at Nantucket —

Weare &c

To Brother D Bauque 9^mo 5. 1797

From the encouragement you have given us in a letter to our W R J of the demand of Spermaceti we have shipped onboard the Ship Suffolk Isaiah Kupsey Master of New York 20 Cask to your address as p^r inclosed Invoice & bill Lading, which we hope will reach you in safety and find a speedy Sale, it is of very good quality well strained and very Sweet —

we shall in due time advise you our wishes with the respect

to the proceds, which we expect to want remitted to Hamburg or to avail ourselves of it by draft on yo[illegible] — with the tender of our best services whenever we can promote your interest we are your very respectful Friends — William Rotch Jun[r] & C[o]

To Wm Rotch Jun[r] New York - 9 mo 18 - 1797

Thine of 13[th] Inst. we rec[d] this evening incles J Jol Wing's draft in favr of L Hartshorn & C[o] on Our Wm Rotch Jr. for $100 — at 10 days sight. which we have accepted this day payable at Isaac Hicks, New York & now return it — We are

To Isaac Hicks 9 mo 18 - 1797

We have this day recv'd thy favours of 9 mo 8 & 12 and are glad to find thou hast sold the Candles, but are at a loss to know the cause of their not being so white as usual as we had not discover'd it — we shall send the another parcel when opperturnity occurs which we expect in a short time — We this day have accepted thy bill upon us in favour of G Kemble for $1000 which shall be placed to the debit of Isaiah Hussey — we are glad to find whale Oil is anoveing again & should it rise so as to meet us $80 P Ton we shall wish to ship some to thee — we shall inclose thee a draft on Joseph Anthony & C[o] for $1000 we ~~shall not~~ have not heard of their leaving the City, & we doubt not they Continue their business - in its vicinity and hope no delay will occur — when we know the Sum Cap Hussey wants we will arrange for the payment — having given J Wing (Companion to John Wigham) a letter of Credit on Lawrence Hartshorn & C[o] at Halifax. he meeting a disappointment in taking with him Gold of a kind that has not a Currency there has drawn upon our W R J[r]

for $100 which we request thee to pay it being sent to us by Notick to whom please to Accompt — Please to inform us the value of very good Linseed Oil we are expecting we are expecting a small Cargo from the baltick — &c

9 mo 19. 1797

To Sam'l H. P. Lee & Co.

Our mutual friend Mildred & Allen of London having Legally empowered me their agent to settle their accompts in America have among the accompts sent me inclosed a statement of your Accompt Current with balance due them £319. 15. 6 on interest from the first of the present year, of which they have doubtless informed you I shall be much obliged by your early information if you have made them any other remittance therefor which sum if none I crave your attention thereto and shall be very glad you will make arrangements to qualify me to forward them some exchange by the fall Ships I can make it convenient to receive the money either in New York or Boston, the latter will be preferred and if either partner of the house will be in Boston I shall be pleased to hear when that I may visit you there if my business will admit of it in the course of this Fall —

Sam'l &c

9 mo 19.

To Joseph Anthony & Co.

we have delayed to reply to your esteemed favour dated 29 July in hopes of some vessel going by which we might make another Shipment of a parcel of Pure Oil which we reserve for your market, but the unhappy Contagion that now prevails in your City discourages all Commercial intercourse, we hope however that the late Cool weather has changed the aspect which you & that health will be again shortly restored to you — On the 5th instant we drew upon you in favour of Henry Drinker for $350, and also yesterday in favr of J Kersey for $1000, which we hope it will be convenient for you to accept, we drew them with reluctance on accompt of the deranged state of business in the City & should not have done it but from the many disappointments we have met with from the great scarcity of money in our part of the Country —

9mo 20. 1797

To John Hawes

We herewith hand thee our Invoice & Bill of Lading of 193 Casks of excellent pure whale Oil 6 Casks of Strained Spermaceti Oil, and 10 barrels of Codfish Liver Oil 6 boxes of Very fine Split whalebone and 50 boxes Spermaceti Candles — All which we wish thee to sell for our Accompt in Bilboa, on the best terms thou Canst, and remit us the proceeds in such manner as thou may think best either to our friends Thomas Dickason & Co. London, Lubbert & Dumas Hamburg, or if more convenient to America we name our Correspondents at the different ports to which thou may send it if no conveyance by thyself or others to this Port — Viz Saml & Thos Fisher Philadelphia, Isaac Hicks New York William Burrough Newport David Anthony Providence, Joseph Hussey Boston Benjamin West Salem William Bartlet Esq. Newburyport or Hussey Taber & Co. at Portland — As the thinest Oil does best in Spain we have been careful to chuse it of that kind which last year would have sold for $100 ₱ Ton when the other sold at $130 — we rely upon thy doing the best thou can for us, & if thou should be obliged to go into any ~~port~~ other port than Bilboa and can find a Sale for the whale Oil at $130 we think best to sell it or even less if by enquiries thou finds it is the best that can be done elsewhere we shall be content with a price that will leave us clear $100 ₱ Ton but we dont wish it retaind long on hand if it will not net us that price

We wish thee to write us by every conveyance informing of the State of the Oil Market & whether a further quantity will find a Sale —

If thou sell to advantage and art returning directly to this Port & can lay out 1000 Dollars to advantage in Silks Silk handkerchiefs &c thou hast our liberty, but please remember we dont deal in Spirits (Distilld) nor foreign Goods —

We have the name of a good house from Samuel Rodman in Bilboa Gordes & Bayo who we doubt not will render thee what assistance may be necessary — The 11 Casks Whale Oil shipd by G Barney's Order thou will follow directions given by these instructions only render distinct Sales

and if Left in England or Hamburg leave it to our Credit ~
wthr writeing us and sending on Sales with duplicates of all thy Cargo if thou
dont return here thy self ~

Laoganere & Co Corunna 9 mo 20. 1797

We have ben expecting to hear from you rela-
-tive to the Cargo of our Schooner Elsia Capt Kempton addressed to you last
Spring but hitherto have been without any of your favours Capt Kempton we
have recently heard from at Petersburg ready to receive his Cargo & we are
daily looking for his arrival, we shall be very much obliged by receiving Accompt
Sales of that Cargo and also hearing the prospect of a future market for Oil
at Bilboa. Our Fishery has not been very productive, but yet the general
embarrasment on the American Commerce renders it of dull Sale ~

The Brig: Mars Capt John Haws has taken a freight of Oil of about
90 Tons for Bilboa from this Port in which we are Shippers, should he stop
at Corunna we shall be obliged by your advice with respect to his proceed
-ings ~ he will probably be returning directly back to this port, if so we
shall be pleased to hear from you ~ We are &c ~

9 mo 20. 1797

To Wm Burrough We duly rec: letter and altho we wish to
encourage the Sale of our candles yet neither ourselves nor brothers are in
want of the Goods at present having no Vessel to Sale, neither are we in
the way of selling so as to save our own at the prices, perhaps they may
take them on Credit ~ Inclosed is thy note for $100 premium on
India Adventure - we did not intend to have called upon thee for it,

not knowing how our accompt stands, but our present urgency has induced us to draw for it in favour of Luther Wilson this day, who owes it to Bourne & Wardwell, and I suppose they to your Custom house If thou finds we are indebted and thou will redraws upon us we will answer it — Please inform us if there is any good Virginia Coals to sell in Newport & the price — We are &c

9mo 23. 1797

To Shaddus Mayhew — We duly received thy esteemed favour of 12 Instant covering a draft on thy father for $400, which has been duly honourd we are pleased to find thou has a prospect of closing the sale of the Oil, and intend sending thee a further quantity by the next conveyance, we have just been making up a quantity to Ship to Europe that takes all we had prepared, but shall have more ready next week — Please inform us if a Quantity of excellent European Linseed Oil will command a Sale and at what price - we expect some in daily from Petersburg — Please also to quote the price of Russia & Ravens Duck — We hope no delay will take place in the last payment for the Oil, as we are much pushd at times to make out our payments —

We are &c

PS inclosd is Invoice and bill Lading for 15 boxes Spermaceti Candles Shipd by the Sloop Swallow Phillips Russell Master which we hope thou will be able to sell at 4/3 the price I Hicks sold our last —

9mo 23 We are &c

To Isaac Hicks — we wrote thee on the 18th to which we refer - it went by post covering our draft on Jos Anthony & Co for $1000 - we have now to advise the Shipment of 60 boxes Sperm Candles p Sloop Swallow Phillips Russell Master p Invoice & bill Lading inclosd which we hope will find a Speedy Sale — we shall be pleased to hear when any alteration takes place in your market for whale Oil - having a quantity that we are waiting to make it out is $80 p Ton here — We are &c

To Peter Roe Dalton 9 mo 23

We solicit thy attention to the collection of two Orders inclosed Wilson Barston on Benjamin Wheeler for $100 of this date & Daniel Bennitt on James Andrews 21 for $107 which will much oblige thy respectful Friends William Rotch Jun & Co

To Brothers De Bauque 9 mo 27. 1791

Confirming the foregoing Copy of our last respects we are again encouraged by your obliging letter of June 21 to encrease our Shipment of Sperm Oil which we have now done p the Ship Friend George David Coleman Master from Nantucket p Invoice & Bill Lading Inclosed, & which we hope will find an advantageous Sale — the proceeds of this Shipment as well as that p Capt Hussey we wish you to remit as soon as may be either to Dubbert & Dumas at Hamburg. or our Friend Thomas Dickason & Co London as you may find most advantageous to our interest The present Scarcity of money Crowds very hard upon us, and we fear we shall be Obliged to draw upon this fund if so we shall prefer drawing upon Dubbert & Dumas at 60 days perhaps not to exceed £500 Stg and as we are now in advance that sum for your Accompt we crave your guarantee thereof yet we have remitted them a bill J Duncan on B Hussey for 761 Crowns, which we shall consider therein and also prefer the remainder being replaced from the proceeds of the Sperm Oil only we mention the other circumstances provided against the Oil falling short by unexpected detention

To Gibbs & Channing 9 mo 29 Weave &c

Seth Russell mentions to us that you have a Quantity of Whale Bone on hand for Sale a friend of ours wants about 30 or 4000 ℔ more than we can furnish him, if it can be had he had at a Long Co say 6 months a 6d ℔ which is the most general price that has been given or at least as much or more than the average price for more than six months past a little has been recently ben sold a 7d at Nantucket & we do not

ware there are buyers at that price now, we know there are purchasers who refuse to give it — Should you incline to furnish us with that Quantity we will take it if on those terms, or we will pay you in Sperm Candles immediately if agreeable. & in that exchange we will take all you have if you wish it — Should you accede to our proposal we prefer the Bone coming by Wm Allen who has talked of going today — wear Candles 5 3/4 Wore &c

To Joseph Hussey

9m 30. 1797

We have been in hopes to hear from thee relative to the exchange of Oil & Hemp if any opening remains for us we shall be glad to hear from thee upon the Subject and we also wish to receive a bill of the Glass & Gilbon rec.d via Nantucket —

We wish to gain the earliest information relative to the Schooner Elvira arrival the present Easterly wind we hope will bring her in, when she arrives we wish thee to enter such part of her Cargo only as thou takes out, & retain as much Oil as thou can sell in the course of the fall, we hope to obtain from C & J but must leave thee to sell it as thou canst, we suppose Ja.s Andrews has orders from Samuel Rodman to receive some on his Acct. he is interested 1/4 & T. Rotch 1/4 ourselves 1/2 — what thou sells will be 1/3 on Acct. T R & C. 1/3 on our Acct. unless thou hast S Rodmans Orders in that Case the whole may be on joint Acct. of the adventure Should the Elvira arrive in the course of next week so that in the week following one of us can meet her in Boston, it is probable we shall go down the ensuing week we cannot, should it happen before we can be there we wish as little detention as possible & shall like to have 4 C haldron of best Virginia Coals by her — we hope thou will be able to for

a Sale for 15 or 20 Tons of the Linseed Oil as we do not want much here & at the westward we fear it will be lower than at your market — If thou can exchange on good terms some of it for 10 boxes 8 by 6 & 10 boxes 9 by 7 good Glass with another ~~Glass~~ Cask of Yellow Ocher & a Cask or 2 of Spanish brown it will be agreeable

we have lately rec.d ~~Letters~~ from Mildred & Allen who writes approveing of the Sales of the Drugs & wish from the proceeds to have a Ton of good pearlashes, we wish thou could procure a Ton & Ship them by Anticip upon the sum due from Hall some way or other, by an early Ship, please give us thy prospect hereupon — also let us know when thou can sell some Oil for us to ~~out~~ here ~~& 24~~ — hast thou sold the Sperm oil ship'd the last Spring hast thou a call for more — Weare &—

10mo 3. 1797

To Joseph Shipley

By a letter from Piterburg via London we find the Elsa Kempton was near Sailing on the 14th of 7month that we think he must if well be near Boston and we hope already arrived — we doubt his Invoice coming with him, as it is usual for them to send via London, but they have sent us the amount or Cost of the Cargo, which we shall add of such articles as we wish to be sold in Boston — for thy government in making the Entry — we have 300 pieces best Russia Duck, & 100 p.s Ravens Duck — we observe by the price Current the former note at 16 to $18 and the latter at 11 a $12 as we are at present much press'd for money, we wish if thou has the prospect of Sale for Cash or certainly at 60 days at 18. & 11 thou would take out and sell 100 p.s Russia & 20 pieces Ravens Duck, also 3 or 4 Tons

Iron Hoops if they will sell for $8½ or $9 ₩ Ct — Your Wd can meet the Eliza in Boston on Sunday evening next without detaining her if he hears in season, it is his intention to be there — thou will not however omit the articles wrote for to come by the Eliza particularly the Coals which may be encreased to 6 or 8 Chaldrons — Cost in Rusia Linseed Oil about 1 Ruble ₩ Gallon Rusia Duck 18 Roubles ₩ piece Ravens Duck 8½ Roubles the Rouble Cost 29d ⅄⅄ Iron Hoops 205 Roubles ₩ Ton — Wear &c

To Thadeus Mayhew — New Bedford 10 Mo 11th 1797

We received thy esteemed favour by last Post of 1st & 2d, covering thy Account Current & 2 shipments of Oil & a draft on thy Father for the Balance say $252. 46 which has not due payment — we are pleased thou has so good a prospect in the sale of the remaining Oil, & it was our wish to forward thee some more by Capt Mitchill but he was full but we shall avail ourselves of the first conveyance, & shall endeavour to keep thee supplied, & any alteration take place in the price of Linseed Oil & Rusia Duck we shall be glad to hear of it. We remain &c —

we see a prospect for the conveyance of the Oil next week

The Sales dated May 3d state the 9 Ca. Oil to amt to . 506. 29.
thou Credit in thy last in Acct Curt . . . . . — 509. 25

If the first is right we will credit the difference —

To Isaac Hicks — 10 mo 11th 1797

We duly received thine of 6 Inst & Jobs[illegible] that our Dft on I. A & Co has not due Honour which will also be the case when Isaiah Hussey's dft to thee for $1009 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ appears —

We are obliged by thy accepting to pay J Wings Draft which is placed to thy Credit — Our Linseed Oil does not yet appear, when it does we expect to forward some to thee which hope will find a tolerable Sale, our expectations are much lowered from what they were last Winter when we ordered it — Rec'd thy Sales of 50 Boxes Candles inclosed in thy last which we find right & have entered them to thy debit — We shall be obliged to hear from

your Market keeps along with respect to Linseed & whale oil Rusia & Ravens Duck —— We are glad to hear our dear Friends had reached New York, and wishing to forward a few small Articles &c —— We are &c

To Joseph Anthony & Co 10 mo 12. 1797

We are much obliged by your esteemed favr of 27th ult & of your friendly offer of accommodationg us as we may have occasion to draw which from our present embarrasments we apprehend we shall be obliged to avail ourselves if opperdunity presents, as we find it almost impossible to collect our debts on New England — We sincerely hope the present cool weather may have a happy effect upon the alarming contagion in your afflicted City, and through the aid of a gracious providence restore health again thereto — We are glad to hear our Wm Roteh's Father has found his way from the City, & that he was well in New York last week — We avail ourselves of the present conveyance by Capt Bunker of shipping you the last parcel of our best Strained Oil, to which we also add a few tons of very good Strained Oil of the Quality of the two former parcels which we hope will find a good Sale this fall — Please to send us at the Franklins return 66lb best Spnr Flour, 20 lb Common & a barrel of Crackers we have consignd a few barrels whale Oil to Capt Fish from Bunkers expectations of selling at Wilmington should it be improper to go up to the City to lay any time & directed them to deliver it to you if it should not sell to expectation — We are &Co

To Thaddeus Mayhew 10 mo 21st 1797

We wrote the p: post on the 14th mentioning our intention of forwarding some Spermaceti Oil we avail ourselves by the present opportunity (Capt Jennie) of shipping 2 Casks Strained Oil, agreeable to annexed Invoice & enclosed Bill Lading, which we wish may meet a ready Market We are

10 — 13. 1797

To Leonard & Crocker

We are much obliged by your favour of yesterday accompanied by $1000 which is endorsed on your Note for $3300 given 6 mo 7 which leaves upwards of $1100 due on that note — and we are much pleased to find you have a prospect of making us a further payment soon as we never experienced more embarrasment in our business that of late time — we are &c

10 mo 14

To Joseph S Hastings

Agreable to the request of thy Nephew we have now shipped thee 3 Co Strained Oil of quality similar to the parcel shipd thee before at foot is bill thereof amo to thy Debit $ which we hope will reach thee in safety & prove to satisfaction. it is now on board Sloop Swallow Phillip Russell Master to sail early in next week — we are &c

10 mo 14. 1797

To P Fish

we request thy care in selling the 35 Casks whale Oil to thy address, on the best terms thou can, the Proceeds to be brought us, unless thou wishes to make use of it in that case thou will leave the business so that we may know on whose risk it comes, Should the sickness be so abated at Philadelphia that it will be safe to lay there, we wish thee to consult our friends Joseph Anthony & Co respecting the sale, and if the prospect of sales is not so good as thou thinks best to sell it will be agreeable to have it left with our said friends — Should any thing occur that thou should not go up to the City & Should sell the whale Oil thou may bring us 6 barrels best Flour Spirit for our own use & 6 bl Common — In that case we should depend on the Steamboat

Spermaceti all being sent up to Philadelphia unless thou find a sale for it at 8/ Currency ℔ Gallon — We are &c

To Joseph Hussey

10 mo 18 1797

we duly rec.d thine of the 1st with bill of the Glass & Oyl. The latter came at a price 50 pr C.t higher than our expectation. & we think there must be some mistake about it. never having known it higher than $ 8 & the price Current still notes at $ 5 to 8 — please to inquire into it —

We are anxious to hear that the Elvira has arrived it is about 3 mo since she was nearly ready. we have Charged the Sales of 1 Ca Strained Oil & have now Ship.d thee by Sloop Swallow Phillips Russell master to Sail this Day. about 6 Tons Strain.d & 1 Bar.l Tons whole Oil which hope will find a Speedy Sale as we are greatly in want of Cash & opportunity for exchanging Oil for hemp please inform us the terms — We are &c

To M & B Alley

10 mo 18 1797

We have been expecting to hear from you with acc.t of Sales of the Sheetings and wish you to forward us the Sales as soon as may be with the Notes that we may have them ready for Collections, as we stand in need of the whole proceeds as soon as possible to answer some bills that have come upon us to be paid in 15 or 20 Days — Should you have any Sheetings on hand we wish you to stop the sale as we have a market for them at New York a $ 18 — this will enable you to send us the Sales we are very anxious to make our Collections from your Sales otherwise our Credit must suffer — Your attention hereto will much oblige your Assured friend — Please let us know immediately how many pieces you have left on hand — We are &c

To Joseph Taylor 10mo 21 — 97

We daily expect our Schooner Eliza abt 84 Tons burthen Jereh Kempton Master from the Baltic to arrive at Boston with a Cargo of Linseed Oil & Sail Cloth our last letters from Petersburg were dated 3 July Old Stile answering to the 14 when she lay at Cronstadt and our correspondents suppose must be nearly or quite ~~ready~~ Loaded. she has abant $13000 Cargo ~~on Board~~ valued there we shall be obliged by thy inquiry of James Andrews or Joseph Halsey if she has not arrived have $5000 insured upon her Cargo from Cronstadt to this port with liberty to stop at Boston to unlade part of her cargo & perhaps take in a little freight there provided thou can have it done on terms not to exceed the common premium as we do not feel alarmed by her not being arrived as she is a small vessell we cannot expect her to make a passage as soon as a large ship — please have it made in our behalf & Thos Rotch's who is concerned with us

We are &c

To Trustram Gardner 11 mo 4 99

W & Jun^r Thy letter of 2^d inst^t Ir.

To Gouverneur & Kemble 11 mo 4 99

The tardiness of our Mechanicks in rendering their bills with some other unexpected delays have prevented our completing the Ship Marylands and which we now inclose & as we are not certain & as we are not certain all are yet in we do not forward your Acc^t current besides the $1000 paid J Picks we have to her C^r sales of Sundry left here a yawl some old Casks &c. that will about ballance our Commission. that the face of the Acc^r amounting to $3262.99 will probably will ~~pro~~ be nearly the final sum to her debit as soon as you can reimburse us we shall be obliged

We are &c.

we first find the Boatage from N York is not in the Acc^t which is $ the amount Thereof $3292.99

To Ben^r Seymour 11 mo 4

Thy letter of 23^d ult^o is before us we observe thy wish for us to furnish bar Iron for the troops than has on hand there being no regular conveyance to Kingstown & finding

a heavy expence has attended what we had via Barton puts it quite out of the question to take that route & it is so late we dispare of sending the Iron this fall we have often sought in vain to prevail on the coasters to call there we therefore advise thy selling the hoops & wait a more promising mode of procureng our exchange the check our Fishery has received from the dull sale of Oil occasions many ships laying over the winter at Nantucket & from this cause we have not sold 1 ton of thare hoops we had of thee we also find our vessel from Petersburg daily expected has ten tons on board that we can see no prospect of a sale for untill next Spring — as we hear there has been large shipments from Boston for Havannah hope thou will find a good sale for ~~thare~~ them there

We are &c

To John & Rich.d Codman

Nine 1.st 1797.

Having been employed by our mutual Friends Governeur & Kemble of New York in fitting out a Ship, we have advanced for their Account $2000. some time since they wrote us they had funds in your hands, which they conte directed to be at our disposal — if you are at liberty to authorize us to draw upon you for that Sum it will be a great accommodation to us We are respectfully &c

To Thomson Peters Bonar & Co 11 mo 30 97

Our W Ins being in this town & not yet rec'd of only the two last letters we have had the pleasure of receiving from you of 23 June & 3d July we cannot make a particular reply to them but may generally remark that your attention to our business has given us satisfaction & we hope soon to announce to you the arrival of the Clira (not yet in) altho the brig Fanny of Salem who left the Sound 10 days after her has been in 3 days but as many other ships are also behind we are not alarmed at her detention Our calculations upon Linseed Oil the good last winter will prove of no material advantage the disturbances in Ireland having check'd the sale of Linseed, throws the present years seed dead on the market of course the Oil mills will supply the demand, we are pleas'd to find you have ship'd the Sheating so early as we have avail'd ourselves of a sale for them at a good profit & we find the cheapest kind are equally esteemed with the other — we still find the interruption of our navigation such as to discourage our purchasing a large ship for the Baltic, we have however just purcha-sed one of about 200 tons called the minerva Captain Gardner which we shall send with freight to the north of Europe & we hope she will be early at Petersburg we shall

make our arrangements as speedy as
possable to enable you to make use of our
funds in the winter — we have already
remitted a small bill to Lubbert & Dumas
of £100 Stg & expect from our arrangements
a speedily as that house of George Smith & Co
of Hamburg will authorize your Drafts
for £1000 more, we also expect P Dickason &
will accept for our £1000 we wish however
you will draw your bills at as long sight
as you can with conveyance least we
should have some Interest to pay before
our funds reach them —
As we observe the fall both of exchange &
your produces we still contemplate much
advantage during the winter but we must
rely upon your judgement both as to
drawing & purchasing such articles as you
think will be most for our Interest we
shall ~~we shall~~ with independent of the
Cargo for the Minerva 200 pr Elems of the
of the cheap kind & if much lower 400
pieces to be ship'd early to Boston or Salem
of which we shall hereafter advise —
As we now hear Hemp had fallen to 29 Rs
we hope for a further decline & shall state
in short what Cargo we shall probably
want for one half or the whole of the Minerva
Cargo as it is doubtfull if we shall hold
more than one half or ⅔ —
Iron will not more than pay a freight
at 20s Ctg that if not below that price we
must take no more than necessary for
the safety of the ship — When you
find our funds ready you may then lay
them out as your judgment may direct

probably whole Cargo for the Minerva
50 tons Iron mostly 6/6 sable if cheapest
100 tons if 180 Cs
70 or 80 tons best hemp
4 or 500 ps Duck 1st & 2d quality
200 ps Ravens Duck 1st & 2 quality
200 ps Elems 100 ps Drillings
100 beds good ticks bed Bolster & 2 pillows
not to exceed one & a half pounds
a few thousand Calf Skins

To Tubbert & Dumas 10 mo 30 97

When we remitted you a small bill T Dunkin on B Tufey Dunkirk for abt 700 Crowns we had some expectation of drawing for it, but we now wish as soon as you can you will authorize Thomson Peter Bonar & Co of Petersburg to draw for the neat proceeds thereof & for any other sums that may come for our Cr having made one Shipment to Spain & one to France & named your house if more convenient to remit to than London refering to our former letters which are not present with us We are &c.

To Brothers De Bayque 10 mo 30 97

Our last letters not being present we cannot refer thereto but may inform that by Capt Tufsey who sailed on the 5 inst fm N York we ship'd you abt 8 tons Sperm Oil & by the Federal George D Coleman fm Nantucket we ship'd upwards of 10 tons the latter sailed on the 9th ~~the letter~~ sailed on the 9 both which

337 we hope will reach you before this
Capt Ill had occasion to draw nearly
$1000 before he sailed & we are sorry to say
that Capt Coffin refuses to make any settlement
untill all the Acct are forwarded we hope
they will soon come to hand & be accompa-
=nied by your power of attorney to enable
us to close the business & positive orders
either to refer or prosecute him —
We are making arrangements for a
Cargo from Peterburg for the Ship Minerva
Capt Jered Gardner & wishing to avail our-
=selves with funds for the winter we
request your Guarantee for £1000 Sterling
in Hamburg either to George Smith & Co or
Subbert & Dumas the former we prefer if
your connection with the latter does not
give you a preference as we are contem-
=plating a Shipment to Smith & Co which
may supercide the neccesity of your paying
their bills — we have requested a Br from
T Dickason & Co London for £1000 ~~$~~ more
which we desire you will desire you would
remit them if your Bil arrives & finds a
Sale We are &c

To Thos Dickason & Co 11 mo 1 99

We have already writing
you by this Conveyance the present serves
to request the favour of your liberty to T D & Co
to draw upon you £1000 which sum we
have requested D & D to reimburse. ~~for Sales~~
~~of five~~ for Sales of two ~~for the~~ Shipments of
Spruce Do ~~we have Shiped them~~ we have
Ship'd thereon — We have also made a

Shipment to Bilboa with some Prospect
of the Ships of 60 Tons Oil being centered
in your hands Should you receive
that amot whatever it may exceed the £1000
we wish your further liberty to that house
for the residue — We have just purchased
a Ship of nearly 200 tons Capt Gardner
for the Baltic trade which we expect
to load from ~~the Baltic~~ New Bedford for Europe —
we shall perhaps have occasion in future
to ask your Countenance to assist our
Petersburg plans, ~~but for the present~~
~~Voyage plans~~, but for the present Voyage
we hope our arrangements are adequate

We are &c

To Peter & Rae Dalton 11mo 1 97

We shall be much
obliged by thy collecting the inclosed
note Benr Athey of Lynn to us for $1132 55/100
at 30 days from 30th ult & when pd place
to our Cr — he is informed where to find
us ~~and has promised~~ & has promised
punctuality We are &c.

To Joseph Anthony & Co 11mo 25

We duly rec'd your esteemed
favours of 21 ult & 1st inst the latter covering
Sales of 110 Cat Common & 17 Ca Sperm
Oil & invoice of Flour & crackers

339 To George Smith & Co 11mo 3 - 99

Through a small aquaintance with your Wm Adamson we are favoured with your address & having had frequently ~~had~~ considerable negociations through Hamburg in some instances of which we have not recieved compleat satisfaction, we are pleased with the information we have recieved of the respectability of your house & as we are contemplating a small Cargo of Russia Goods from Petersburg early next spring we had made some arrangements for remittance from Dunkirk to Hamburg to meet drafts from Petersburg De Banque friers of Dunkirk if not already done thro other hands to remit you abaut £1000 Stg or to guarantee your acceptance to that amot from our frds J P Bonar & Co of Petersbu & to put you in cash to meet the payme of the bills unless we should place property in your hands to answer that purpose as we expect to load a Ship with abt 200 tons of Whale oil either for Bremen or Hamburg to sail in all next month subject to the advise that may be had on arrival at Bremen of the best marke We have therefore to request of you that if D Banque freres should not make arrangeme through any other channell & acquite you on the subject that you will

on feeling yourselves safe authorize your
said friends T P Bonar & Co to draw for the
sum that shall be advis'd from Dunkirk

In future we hope to be able to
establish such a correspondence with you
as may prove mutual advantage, and
as we wish to avail ourselves of the
best market for the Cargo of Oil, we shall
be obliged by your forwarding a letter
to our frd Frederick Delius at Bremen
for our Capt Jered Gardner of the Ship
Minerva of this port informing him
of your opinion of your market, as
also an rect ~~of his~~ of his Cargo what
amount of Bills you will accept from
the Petersburg House to govern his
Calculation & we shall be plead'd
to hear from you respecting the marke
for Whale & Sperm Oil & Whale fins &
at what season you have the best
Sales, for a Ship in the Russia Trade
we may sometimes be able to get her
out of here early in autumn but it
will be attended with additional expen
unless she can find a middle freight
to some part of Europe before the
Baltic opens & should you see any
prospect of a freight from Hamburg to the Baltic the

Small please to note it to Capt Gardner
as it may be an inducement to his
going up the Elbe — we shall write
you again by Capt Gardner mean while

We are &c.

To Isaac Hicks 11 mo 11 97

Yesterday we recd
thy favour of 30 ~~ult~~ & are pleas'd
to find thou has disp'd of all our
Candels & were we allow'd time we
should have sent thee ~~the~~ the few
remaining boxes we have on hand
we agree with thee in judgment
that our Candles in different hands
should be limitted to one price & on
shipping the 15 boxes to J Mayhew
we notified it to him but if he sold
them at 4/ he remitted us the Sales
at 51 1/2 Cents Cash & the amot also
which at this scarce time for Money
we realy prefer to 4/3 on long Crs we
are glad to find thou hast been able
to advance the price of Whale Oil to
$85 & it is our intention to send thee
some as soon as we can find a conveyance
Our Linseed Oil is not yet arrived pleas
to continue thy advise of the price
& prospect of sale it will come to
a poor market for us unless it sells

for ℔ 7/6 pr Gallon Currency

Recommend A Barker

We are &c

To Thos Mayhew Wmon Pr

We only rec'd thine of 17 ult & are pleased than sold the Candels for Cash as at this time it is much more convenient to us to ~~sell~~ at than to sell at 4/3 on a long Cr we are almost destitute of that article not having begun upon our new Stock we have not as yet rec'd thy additional drafts upon thy father than expected to forward thine of 17 ult for $2314.31 was duly honored as we have before this than hast rec'd the Shipment of Strained Oil pr Sloop Susa H Jenes who sailed week before last

We are &c

To Jeffrey & Russell Nwo 11 Pr

The Ship Columbia has arrived from D Bay with abt 500 ℔ Sperm Oil & 500 Whale the owners will give us the preference & if agreeable to you to take it the Sperm Oil & head matter as usual, we shall be pleased to hear from you we have

343 not yet treated upon the price £90 & 60 have been the prices we have hitherto purchased at & unless it is sold at Nantucket for less we doubt being able to reduce the price we shall be glad of your limits or that you will leave it with us to agree with them & in that case we wish you to say when the period shall be fixed we doubt. not but ⅓ down ⅓ in 60 dys & ⅓ in 90 dys will be acceptable to them — are you in want of the Whale Oil

We are &c

To Joseph Lindsey Hmo 11 9th

"We duly rec'd thine of the 9th by Capt Russell arrived safe this afternoon we with the Bag of Hopps to be forwarded as speedily as possable Via Nantucket or this place as it is for a Brewery that is still for want of it Capt Kempton arrived here last evening after a very tedious passage & the melancoly accident of having 2 men washed off his bolt sprit might before last in the heavy gale to the westward please inform us what prospect there will be of selling some Linseed Oil & what is the price at present with you please also to say if the whale Oil is sold as soon as the sales are closed forward them to us — our necessity oblige us to use the liberty than did not forbid of drawing upon thee in favour of the Bank for $500 at five days sight which request thee to accept

We are &c

To Joseph Anthony & 11 mo 25 97

We duly rec your esteemed favours of 21st ult & 1 inst the latter covering Sales of 40 Ca Common & 17 Ca Sperm Oil ~~ship~~ & £899.17.1 & invoice of Flour & Crackers per Fish £84.10.8 which are both satisfactory & shall be placed in due order to your Credit on the 17 we drew a bill on you in favour of Elijah Varding for $153.46 which we request you will duly honor we hope you will be able to close the Sale soon of the Oil as well as you have begun having no more now on hand having shipd none at this time we have a quantity of Linseed Oil just arrived from Russia we shall be much obliged by your early information what it will fetch with you if it will net us $1 we shall gladly send you some if you can send us a Check on the Bank for $1000 it will be a great accomodation to us as bills on your City are hard to sell

We are &c

345 To Peter Roe Dalton 12mo 25

We request thee & thy ~~accept~~ collection of the annexed order for $500 at 5 days sight & place the same to our Cr. we hope the note from B Alley will be duly pd if not at the time we shall be much obliged by information thereof We are &c

Inclosed order on J Hussey

To Peter Roe Dalton 12mo 2 - 97

We now inclose thee 2 drafts ~~on~~ Governeur & Kemble on John Richard Codman Barton Vr & Lath dated 15 november No. 96 for 2389 Dollars at 3 days sight — 97 - 15 75 82c/100 Ditto 60 Dys 3964-82 and shall be obliged by thy collecting the amount and placing the same to our Credit —

We are thy friends &c.

To Isaac Chase 12 mo 5 97

This morning I rec thy letter of 1 inst respecting having insurance done upon thy Vessel D Anthony master I immediately consulted our underwriters who fearing he might be blown off to the West Indies would not take that risque but without additional premiums I accordingly did the best I could and it is effected say $800 half on Hull & half on Cargo on the following terms at 15 pct

provided she is not blown off & goes to the
West Indies and if She Stops at New York
1 ½ Cent more Insured ſm 16 of 11mo at
Charlestown to Newport or this ports
that if she arrives directly here or at Newport
than has but 3 ½ Cent to pay & if She
Stops at Newyork 11 ½ Cent which is
as favourable as it was done last Summer
in Case of a total loss of Vessell & Cargo
15 ½ Cent is to be deducted I hope it will
be according to thy wishes as it could
not be done on better terms & thy
orders were positive that I did not like
to delay while than might be consulted
when than sends me over thy note for
the premium I will take it out of
the office & send thee es. I add the note on
the other side

I am &c W Jn

To Jeffrey & Russell

12 mo 5 . 97

we were both absent
at the time your favour of 18th came to hand
& have since our return attended to the proposal
you made for the Columbias Oil but cannot
induce the owners to accept of so distant paymen
& they have had an offer ſm Nant which they
prefer tho same in price yet the period of payme
nearer there wishes es we are sorry we had it not
in our power to serve your interest therein
the Commerce Toby arrived last week ſm D Bay
where she obtd 600 Bl Sp oil & had previously
obtained on the Brazil Bk 10 or 1100 Bl es the
Rebeca is yet behind dayly expected Weare &c

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12mo 9. 1797

To Peter Roc[e] Dallon

We are much obliged by thy favour of 2[d] but are sorry to find B Alley has not paid his Note we have a letter from him of the 4[t] when he said that day he should pay $400 On the 2[d] instant we inclosed thee for Collection 2 Dft Governeur & Kemble on Jn[o] & Rich[d] Codman for together $3964 62/100 which hope have met acceptance — we now annex James Barkers Draft on the same house for $500 — at sight which we request thy attention to collect —

We are &c —

To ~~Joseph~~ Hastings

12mo 9 1797

Thine of 5[t] Inst is rec[d] with $163 Nantucket paper for which thou hast here inclosed Eastern Bank for $20 & our Check for $143 to balance — We are &c —

to Fl[d] Arnold

12 mo 16 97

If thou still has the coffee & indigo to dispose of on the terms we conversed upon when thou was here & Wm Allen reaches Providence on thou hast a conveyance for it Hare to ship it an to reach us this month the Coffee at 20 the short price if the small green kind suitable for the Northern market & the indigo at 69 if it proves of good quality subject to the inspection of any person thou may think best aquainted therewith the Coffee to be paid in 60 days unless we ~~can~~ make it convenient to pay

sooner & the Indigo a to be paid in
Whale Oil & Candles we suppose we have
some Oil in Wm Bourroughes hands & shall
write him to send what than orders
the Candles we will forward as soon
as we can — than will please to do
the needfull at the office to secure the
debenture on the Coffee & we will be
carefull to have the needfull docum[ts]
returnd — We are thy Friends &c.

To Gibbs & Channing — New Bedford 12 mo 16 97.

We duly receivd your favour of
7 Ins: and are obligd by your Offers of Hemp, but having
yet some of our last years Stocks of Cordage on hand & lately
received 10 Tons of Hemp from Boston, we are unwilling
from the present scarcity of Money to contract any further
payments — By your desire we have Shipped by Mo[s]
a Caske of our best prefs'd Oil, and by request of Mo[s]
Sexias a barrel mark'd MS. 29 p Galls of which we will
thank you to inform him — We are &c —

To Isaac Hicks — 12 mo 15 97

Wm Cap Cunningham we
have Shd thee 30 Boxes 8p Candles as p Invoice
inclosd which hope will find a speedy sale —
we have lost 2 ships arrived from the fishery
& as we are loading a Ship for Hamburg what
Whale Oil remains unsold will mostly go in
her two more are expected — where our AB
is our WR is ignorant but as it is not

349 probable he is yet with you he omits
writing to him by this conveyance & should
Linseed Oil advance in price to $1 please inform
us ansr has arrived & we please ourselves with
the hope it will fetch us that price & please
to send us by the first conveyance 5 Cwt good
ship Bread 2 Barrels Pork 2 of Beef & for our own
use half a ℔ neats Tongues also 2 ℔ pippins
& at market

We are &c

To George Smith & Co 12 mo 15 97

The Minerva is now
loading & is probable she will be off in 3 or 4
weeks with a Cargo of Whale oil & bone &
we have encouraged the concern'd in shipping
part of her Cargo that on her arrival that
if she goes to Hamburg you will accept their
Bill payable in London for 3/4 of the amt
agreeable to the apprizance of your W Adamson
who since the foregoing has made us a Visit
& spent a few days with us he has now gone on
to the Westward towards New York

We are &c

To Wm Ellery Esq 12 mo 15

We have now on hand
Head matter sufficient to Produce us about 500 Gll
press'd oil, & a prospect from 1 or 2 ships yet
expected for abt as much more if in season to
press before spring for this we have a Constant
market to neat us more than $1 pr Gallon
but as we shall always have about twice the
quantity of Strained oil prepared from the body
oil we wish for a market for the whole

together & shall be glad to furnish thee as usual with the whole or part thereof 1/3 of the pressd & 2/3 of the Strained oil at the prices of last year — and as it will be to our disavantage to hold it & then be disapointed of the Sale we shall be glad to know the probability of our having the Contract for the ensuing year, as soon as thou can ascertain it for our governments the price of Oil & Head Matter is abt the same it has been for two years past that we have no apprehension from the present small Stock on hand it can be offerd at less prices than heretofore — part of the oil we offerd last year at 95/100 was sold in Phia to the Northern Commissioners for our Fleet at 8/3 Currency pr Gll whether that commission was for Light Houses or not we are ignorant but we suppose it was We are &c.

12mo 28. 1797

John Hastings

This morning we recd. from Nantucket our frd. J Rodman Jethro Mitchel & Son order on Joseph Hussey for Eleven hundred Dollars for Abraigs Check on the Bank which thou enclosed to us and which we now enclose to thee —

This days mail brot us thine of 19th inclo fifty five Dollars Nantucket Bank for which thou hast our Check for that sum —

25th thine of 21st is also at hand and we add the 22 dollars recd. in it, which we add to the 55 thou enclos our Check for $77 —

We are &c

Nov 25th 1797

To Joseph Hussey

We duly receive thine of 9th with Sales of 100 Bbls Whale Oil & hope by this time has compleated the 25 Casks that remained unsold as soon as that is done we wish for the Sales —

As the payment for the Merchandize falls due about this time please give us the earliest information of its being paid as we have some Money in London waiting to draw for & if we are in a very pressing situation for Cash from the Sales of the 100 Casks we drawn all Bills due on the 9th next we expect about £1000 and our calls are so great we cant avoid drawing ——

We therefore have drawn this day for one Thousand Dollars at 10 Days sight which request thou will duly honour — Shall thou shipped the Box of Pearl Cloths to Mildred & Allen if so we want the account of sales to remit thou the Balance the moment thou receives payment — We are thy &c

Shall thou more sales for Candles to be worth our sending on by Land —

To Peter Roe Dalton Nov 25th 1797

We shall be obliged by thy collecting the above order at 10 Days sight in Joseph Hussey for £1000 — & when paid place to our Credit — We are respectfully thy &c

To Wm Baumgarten Nov 25 97

We duly recd thine of 25 & note thou cannot purchase 3 or 4000 ℔ of Coffee intitled to drawback 25 Cents we shall be glad to have it if thou can send it round

at a reasonable freight we are in hopes
of 5 Dollars for Providence if any conveyance
presents & the river breaks up again we expect
it from St Arnolds perhaps he may engage
a Vessell that may stay at Newport &
take the whole but without that we see
a good prospect of getting it here we wish
Mr Lee not to engage it without going to the
office to know if it comes on by land if we
can procure documents to secure the drawback
as we had rather send for it by land than
go without it if they find it can come
by land and secure the drawback and
see no way to get it forward by water
it will be agreeable to us to have it
sent to the ferry if they can do it on
reasonable terms & write a line to Capt
Willis to request his care to see it over
the ferry and stored in the care of Col
Cook for our order and give us notice by
next days mail or before if opportunity
and will pay him the expence we wish
Mr Lee to purchase it clear of the drawback
if they can on as good terms as in that
case we shall have less money to raise
please inform us how the sale of the
Rit goes on how much is sold & at what
price also if they has a sale for more
Candels we shall have a pretty good
parcel for market Bye & Bye

353 if thou art in want of any
naw we can send them on by the
beams if it is to come by land please
to ask M Lewis & G & C Channing if
they wish their ait sent by the
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2mo 26. 1796

An Order from Wm Rotch Junr of New Bedford in the State of Massachusets North America, to Thompson, Peters Bonner & Co Petersburgh — Viz.

5 Tons Iron hoops for Pieces } not very thick but made of
5 Tons — Ditto. Slauter — } tough Iron Seven rolled —

2 Tons of fine untarred yarns made of the very strongest Hemp for whale Lines, so fine that 4m 48 to 60 threads will make a line 1 3/4 inches English measure in circumference, when laied —

100 Pcs Sail Cloth — — First Quality.
100 Pcs Ditto — — Second Ditto & more if necessary to increase the Quantity. —
50 Pcs Ravens Duck
30 Pcs Russia Sheetings
30 Pcs Twilld Russia Drabs Natural Canvas —
30 Pcs Common Diaper Assorted.
20 Cr good Clean Feathers of Geese
2 or 3 Thousand raw Calf Skins if Raw (they came out last year from Petersburg on good terms & very good)
Hemp to fill up the Ship of first Quality —
Half Old & Half new Sable } Iron to Load the Ship, with, same Assorted Squares & Flats if no higher price
one Ton Half a Ton of your best Flax —
Duplicate: (double the qu of feathers & Calf Skins will find a good market

Order to Thomas Dickason & Co London 2mo 26. 1796

Please to Ship as early as they can — Viz.
2 Rolls thin Sheet Lead
20 Cr white Lead Ground about 5 Cr in a Cask
10 Cr Dry ditto — — — —
40 quarter of a hundred Kegs ground white Lead —

Beds 4000
Skins 5000
hoops 1600
Flems. 3200

Funds in Europe. 1797

Remittance on Barclay & Co	500 £
J Hazard Jr. Matt Bill	320
Ditto 10 Tons Whale & 5 Tons Sp m Oil of America	450
J Rohl 10 Tons Whale of America	225
	1475
Shipment of Cod Oil to Dublin	175
	1650
Hamburg 10 Tons Whale & 5 Tons Sperm from Dunkirk	450
	2100
200 pl. Elems a 40/	400
	1700 for Eliza

Cargo for Schooner Eliza from Petersburg

18 Tons Iron hoops .. a 2½ Roubles ℔ pood no duty 21 —	210 —
50 Tons Linseed Oil — £40 all Charges	2000
200 pl Ravens Duck 30/	300
300 pl Rufsia Duck 55/	825
8 pl bleached fine Sheeting 24 R. 60/	25
	3360
200 pl more Rufsia Duck	240
	3600

Elizas Cargo out — 1500
Bills — 2100
3600

S R ⅜ 787.10	¼ 525
J R ¼ 525	¼ 525
W & J S ⅜ 787.10	½ 1050
2100	2100

Oil to be sent by Order of Wm Ellery upon our Contract. Vide

			Common	Superior	
4 mo 29.	to	Jas Read Wilmington	400	— 400	sent by Cap Latista
5 mo 11.		Jos Whipple Esq Portsmouth	300	— 200	sent by Sus a
		Jed. Huntington New London	250	— 200	sent by D Clark
		Wm Lindsay Norfolk	300	— 300	sent to Newport
		Dan Stevens Charleston	400	— 200	sent by Cap Jas Coffin
		John Habersham Savannah	400	— 200	sent by Cap Jas Coffin
		Wm Allibone Philadelphia	300	— 1000	Ship & Bunker
			2350	2500	
				2350	
8 mo		remainder sent to Newport		3325	

1790 8 mo — H E Prior gives his terms for 50 bls beef & Pork consult Robt Bennett & if they agree to take them write for it. charg. one Com & Interest from delivery.

When our Contracts for the Sarah & Columbia for Cordage are done if any to Spare let Bennetts have some to begin for their Ship. I am under no engagement until they are furnished & the New hemp can be made up. then the price is to be agreed upon

After gaining information of the prices of Hemp & Iron abroad taking advice of my brothers. it may be sold reserving 50 Tons Hemp & 10 Tons Iron. if it comes early it may be best to sell off but if the market is glutted it may do best hereafter. the State of the Market must be known to form an opinion of the quantity expected. The Credit may be in safe hands 60. 90 or 120 days perhaps part at cash. if the Market at New Yk & Philad: promises advantage Ship to S M Fisher & Co & Doughty. 8 Dollars ℔ Ton I hear has been given from Newport which I think a good freight —

Let the lower Store be cleared & the Iron put there having it weighed out of the Ship for the settlement with J Howland —

Clean the Shed Chamber to fill it with Hemp. wch with the Hemp howe I hope will hold all but what may be Sold.

What bread & Ship Stuff we have after T Hs furnished R Bennett may have. & any thing else that we can furnish.

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10 mo 14. 1790

Isaiah Hufpys Note	$2284
D Anthony now due	850
Jo Hufpy to 1797	3300
Rid. Bank	3000
J Anthony & Co	3000
on hand	3000
G R from James	1500
do. Rebecca	600
S Rupell & Hunter	600
Jo Howland James	1000
W Burroughs sup.	800
A Hicks sup	900
	21830
T H Delaware Sarah & Hop.	6000
from Lydia	5000
Rufsia by 3 mo. 1797 sup.	10170
	43000
from Candles of London Stock & Oil on hand & unsatd	7000
	50,000

Order from Wm Ellery Esq for Shipg Aids - 1794

3m 10. To Daniel Stevens Charleston 800 Gs Strand

" To Jedidiah Huntington London 450 do. - 500 Gs pressd. (Shipd)